

McKinney-Vento Services for students in temporary housing situations

What is McKinney-Vento?

- Stewart B McKinney Homeless Assistance Act was signed by President Reagan and became law on July 22, 1987
- the Act required states to ensure that all children experiencing temporary housing have the same right to a free and appropriate public education as children not experiencing housing issues.
- In 1990 Congress expanded the state's responsibility to eliminate all barriers to education
- In 1990 funding was made available through the McKinney grant to help provide an array of educational and support services responsive to the needs of students experiencing housing issues.
- All school districts are required to have someone on staff responsible for ensuring that students in temporary housing are able to attend school and eliminate barriers to their education
- It is currently named the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

Which students qualify for services?

- Students who do not have a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence qualify for services
- Examples but not limited to:
 - Shelters
 - Motels/hotels
 - Living with friends or relatives due to economic difficulty
 - Living in a campground or campsite
 - Unaccompanied Youth (young persons not in the care of an adult)

What should you do if you think your student might qualify?

- Contact your school principal or counselor who will provide a form
- Return the completed form to school
- A Dupree staff member will contact you to discuss your situation and decide if you qualify for services
- If it is determined that you do not qualify but you disagree with that decision, you have a right to dispute according to district policy. The superintendent can help you with the dispute.

If your student qualifies what kind of services are available?

Services are dependent on the needs of each individual student

- All students are able to enroll and attend school immediately
- All students qualify for free lunch
- All students receive school supplies
- Some students qualify for additional services that are necessary to eliminate barriers to school attendance and school success

A few examples:

- help with transportation
- referrals to other area support services

What does McKinney Vento not do?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act does not provide funding for:

- Housing
- Utilities
- Medical services
- Cell phones
- Storage rent
- Motel rent

Just need to discuss your student's situation with someone?

Contact your principal or school counselor

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