

McKinney-Vento

What is the McKinney-Vento Program?

The McKinney-Vento Act provides rights and services to children and youth experiencing homelessness. Students whose overnight accommodations are not fixed, regular or adequate are protected by the Act. The following living situations may be considered homeless:

- Sharing the housing of others due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Staying in motels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to lack of an adequate alternative
- Staying in shelters or transitional housing
- Staying in a car, RV, or a public place (such as a bus station)
- In sub-standard housing, such as an abandoned building
- Without a parent or guardian, or teen (up to age 21) living independently
- Parents are migrant workers
- In other situations that are not fixed, regular, or adequate for nighttime residence

*The District's McKinney-Vento liaison is responsible for determining if a student qualifies as homeless.

What are the rights of students identified under the McKinney-Vento Act?

Students who are identified as homeless by the school district's McKinney-Vento liaison have the following rights from the point of identification:

- Attend their school of origin (known as the "home school") or the school for the area where the student currently lives
- Immediately enroll in school, even if unable to provide all documents
- School fee waivers
- Free lunch
- Transportation to and from school (if applicable)
- Participation in school related activities
- Referrals to local agencies for further assistance

If you or someone you know may qualify for protection under the McKinney-Vento Act, please contact Amber Buck, Piper USD 203 McKinney-Vento Liaison, at amber.buck@piperschools.us or (913) 721-2088.