



North Plainfield School District

New Jersey McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program is authorized under Title VII-B of the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act \(42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.\)](#) (*McKinney-Vento Act*). The *McKinney-Vento Act* was originally authorized in 1987 and was most recently reauthorized in December 2015 by the [Every Student Succeeds Act \(ESSA\)](#).

The *McKinney-Vento Act*, as reauthorized under the *ESSA*, provides displaced and homeless students with protections and services to ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, as other children and youths.

The primary tenets of the law ensure collaboration and coordination by the involved schools and other service providers to provide children and youth experiencing homelessness with the following:

- Immediate enrollment even when records are not present; removing enrollment barriers, including barriers related to missed application or enrollment deadlines, fines, or fees; records required for enrollment, including immunization or other required health records, proof of residency, or other documentation; or academic records;
- Right to remain in the school of origin, if in the student's best interest;
- Transportation to the school of origin (if outside North Plainfield); and
- Support for academic success.

As required by the *McKinney-Vento Act*, North Plainfield School District provides a dedicated local liaison as a point of contact for questions and coordination of eligible services.

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Attention Displaced and Homeless Families:

If you have been left homeless by any unfortunate events, please contact Jerard W. Stephenson, Principal of Special Projects and Student Advocacy, for information on your options to ensure that your children remain enrolled in school. He may be reached at (908) 769-6090 ext 2525.