

To learn more about the
McKinney-Vento Act Advisories,
please visit the
Department of Education
Website at:
www.doe.mass.edu/sfs/mv/



**Homeless Advisories information also
available include the following;**

**Enrollment of homeless students and
school records**

**School selection and transportation
requirements**

**Access to child nutrition programs
Title I Academic services**

**Serving homeless preschool students
Unaccompanied youth**

Education dispute resolution

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Additional Resources

Catholic Social Services:
508-997-7337

Family Resource Center:
508-567-1735

DTA Fall River Transitional Assistance:
877-382-2363 (Press 7)



McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Program

FALL RIVER PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Program

The goal of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is to ensure that each homeless child or youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education. To the extent practical and as required by law, the district will work with the homeless students and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services.

The term “homeless children and youth” are individuals who lack fixed regular, and adequate nighttime residence or have a primary nighttime residence in a supervised, publicly or privately, operated shelter for temporary not designated for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.



School Enrollment

A homeless student has the right to either remain in their school of origin or to attend school where they are temporarily residing.

Students who choose to remain in their school of origin have the right to remain there until the end of the school year in which they get permanent housing.

Students who choose to enroll in a new school where they are temporarily residing must enroll immediately, regardless if they do not have the required records to bring with them at the time of enrollment.

A foster care student will have equal access to a stable educational experience from preschool(if offered) through high school graduation.

Students of an active military family who enrolls in kindergarten through 12th grade will be enrolled in educational programs based on current educational assessments and placement in like programs in the sending State.



Individuals who are eligible to receive these services include children and youth who are:

Living in emergency or transitional shelters, or are abandoned in hospitals

Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate nighttime accommodations

Living in cars, parks, an abandoned building, public spaces, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

“Couch Surfing” at friends’ homes

Doubled up/Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason

Unaccompanied youth- a youth not in physical custody of a parent or guardian

Migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Living in Public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings

Fall River Public Schools Assists with:

Transportation to and from school, social service providers, medical and dental appointments, housing offices and other appropriate agencies

Mental health services including counseling and evaluation

Assistance in obtaining health insurance

Providing Spirit wear, basic school supplies and personal hygiene supplies

Tutoring after school

Professional development for school staff, human service agencies and the community

Educational opportunities for parents



If you are aware of any homeless students in your school who needs services, please contact your school principal, or if you are experiencing homelessness call 1-800-HOMELESS(you must call this number from a local area code)