

Possible

Services & Supports

Families In Transition can assist students that are experiencing homelessness in removing barriers to their education. Possible services may include:

- Free Lunch
- Clothing Voucher
- Winter Gear
- Backpacks
- School Supplies
- Water Bottle
- Tutoring
- FAFSA Assistance
- Transportation to School of Origin
- Field Trip Assistance
- Sports Fees
- Shoes



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If you feel you may qualify, contact any of the staff to discuss your needs and options.



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The Matanuska Borough School District mission is to prepare all students for success.



Created in response to the McKinney-Vento Act of Congress, Families in Transition provides children and youth who are experiencing homelessness or inadequate housing the right to:

- * Receive a free, appropriate public education
- * Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment
- * Enroll in school & attend while school gathers documents
- * Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin, if that is their preference and feasible
- * Receive transportation to and from school of origin, if requested and is feasible
- * Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs

For more information on the McKinney-Vento Act and your rights, please visit:

<https://education.alaska.gov/ESEA/TitleVII-B>

State of Alaska Coordinator

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Who Qualifies for Help?

Any school age student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence, or any school age student who has a primary residence that is any of the following:

- ♦ A shelter, a temporary residence, makeshift arrangements in someone else's home.
- ♦ Motels, a building not designed for housing, campgrounds, or inadequate housing.
- ♦ Housing that lacks basic needs as heat, water, etc.
- ♦ Immediate loss of home due to disaster.



*Families must reapply for the FIT program every school year or when they lose fixed, regular, or adequate housing.

How do I apply?

- For referral to **Families in Transition (FIT)** please do one of the following:
 - * Call us directly
 - * Fill out an online referral here www.matsuk12.us/fit
 - * Or speak with your FIT school site contact (i.e. nurse, counselor, principal, registrar, secretary) or staff with whom you can share information.
- After the referral form is completed, it will be reviewed by the FIT team. If you qualify for the program you will be contacted and enrolled.
- Once enrolled you will receive services to support your education.