



## **SAU 62**

### **Mascoma McKinney-Vento**

### **Educational Rights and Protections**

Any student meeting the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless is eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act. All educational barriers must be removed for homeless students by law.

This entitles the student to the following rights and services:

1. immediate school enrollment and full participation in all school activities for eligible children, even when records required for enrollment are not available
2. to remain in their school of origin (the school the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled), when feasible and in the child's or youth's best interest
3. transportation to and from the school of origin
4. access to programs and services (special education, preschool, free school meals, Title I, ELL services, vocational/technical education, gifted and talented services, and before- and after-school care)
5. youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and are experiencing homelessness are allowed to be immediately enrolled without proof of guardianship
6. the right to dispute an enrollment decision and for the student to be admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending the resolution of the dispute
7. access to the local homeless liaison to ensure students are properly identified and given full and equal access to all educational services for which they are eligible in order to succeed in school