



McKinney Vento Information

Students who experience homelessness



MCV ACT

- Defines homeless children and youth as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence”
- Examples may include children who are living in cars, shelters, hotels/motels, awaiting foster care placements, parents are incarcerated or died, sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason, living in substandard housing (no running water, heat)
- Homeless BEC
 - [Education for Homeless Youth](#)

Student Rights Under MVA

- A free and appropriate education
- Immediate enrollment in school, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment
- Choose between attending the local school or continue attending the school of origin if that option is feasible and in the student's best interest
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requests and feasible
- Students shall not be discriminated against, segregated nor stigmatized based on their status as homeless. To the extent feasible, and in accordance with the student's best interest, a homeless student shall continue to be enrolled in their school of origin while they remain homeless or until the end of the academic year in which they obtain permanent housing. Parents/Guardians of a homeless student may request enrollment in the school in the attendance area where the student is actually living or other schools. If a student is unaccompanied by a parent/guardian, Homeless Liaison will consider the views of the students in determining where they will be enrolled.

Unaccompanied Homeless Definition

Unaccompanied homeless youth" including any child who is "not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian." This includes youth who have run away from home, been thrown out of their home, been abandoned by parents or guardians, or separated from their parents for any other reason

Homeless Liaison

- If you know or hear of any of the aforementioned situations, please contact the persons below.
- The social workers at each building monitor and work closely with the homeless families within the schools
- They work with Rachel Lambert, Homeless Liaison for the District
- Parents are informed and information sheets are collected each year so families have resources and supports
- Interboro is part of Region 8

Website and Policy Information

Website Information:

<https://www.interborosd.org/Page/3954>

The BEC and information regarding the McKinney Vento Act are found on the website under Pupil Services Department (Parent Information)

Policy Information (which includes dispute resolution process): https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gwUA4e78PmWBCEajVeggXgQ7HXKJtW28/view?usp=drive_link

Contacts

The Social Workers in each building are the direct contact for any homeless questions or concerns. Please direct any parent that asks questions or reveals they are homeless.

For the district, the Director of Student Services (Rachel Lambert) serves as the homeless liaison.
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