

McKinney-Vento – Homeless Children and Youth

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The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth as:

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:
 - sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
 - living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
 - living in emergency or transitional shelters
 - abandoned in hospitals
 - living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
 - living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
 - migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above
- An unaccompanied youth is a youth who is “not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian” [42 U.S.C. § 11434(a)(6)] and are living in circumstances described above

If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children or youth who may qualify according to the above criteria, the Northern York County School District provides the following assurances to parents and guardians of homeless children and youth and unaccompanied homeless youth.

- Immediate enrollment, even without school records, medical records, proof of residency or other documents. This includes attending classes and participating fully in school activities (includes extra-curricular activities and sports).
- The ability to remain in their school of origin (school of origin means, the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool). By maintaining school stability, school choice (choice between school of origin and school of residence), and determining best interest.
- To be provided services and education programs comparable to those received by other students and for which they meet eligibility criteria, which includes immediate enrollment into the free breakfast and lunch program.
- Transportation to and from their school of origin, at a parent’s, guardians or unaccompanied youth request for the entire school year, regardless of whether they become permanently housed during the school year and for extra-curricular activities.
- Written explanation of any decisions related to eligibility, school selection or enrollment in school including the rights of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal and receive prompt resolution on such decisions.

Please contact Theresa Shroyer, homeless liaison for the Northern York County School District, at 717-432-8691 or email to tshroyer@northernYork.org, for additional information about the rights and services described above.