Resources

KSDE Education for Homeless Children and Youth: McKinney-Vento Program

National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)

SchoolHouse Connection

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS LIAISON

Each school district is required to have a McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison.

Homeless Liaison contact information can be found on the KSDE Educating Homeless Children and Youth – McKinney-Vento Program webpage.

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Who is Homeless?

[42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)(B)]

Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Act defines the term "homeless children and youths" as individuals who lack a **fixed**, **regular**, and **adequate** nighttime residence, including:

- children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals; or
- children and youths who have 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; or
- children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Educational Rights

[42 U.S.C. § 11432g]

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, homeless children and youth have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending the school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), according to each student's best interest.
  - * If the school district believes that the school selected is not in the student's best interest, the district must provide the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of its position and inform the parent, guardian or youth of the right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to each student's needs.

The Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE) is committed to supporting Kansas school districts that serve students who are experiencing homelessness.

McKinney-Vento

[42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)]

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