CCPS Collier County Public Schools

Educational Rights

Under the McKenney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there
- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records or immunization/medical records
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school arranges for the transfer of records
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students including transportation and supplemental educational services
- Attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; segregation based on a student's status as homeless is prohibited
- If a dispute about placement or transportation, parent/guardian should contact the District Liaison to carry out the dispute resolution process. The Liaison will arrange a resolution meeting within 7 days with school administration and the family. In the case of no resolution, an appeal can be filed at the state level by sending the dispute to the attention of the Florida Department of Education Homeless Education Program, 325 West Gaines Street, Room 352, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0400.



VISION STATEMENT

All students will complete school prepared for ongoing learning as well as community and global responsibilities.

DR. LESLIE RICCIARDELLI
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

THE DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF COLLIER COUNTY

TO REVIEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, PLEASE VISIT:

https://www.collierschools.com/Domain/101

The District School Board of Collier County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, or age in the provision of educational opportunities or employment opportunities and benefits. The District School Board does not discriminate on the basis of sex or disability in the education programs and activities that it operates, pursuant to the requirements of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, respectively. The right not to be discriminated against extends to both employees and students of the District and shall include equal access to designated youth organizations in conformity with the Boy Scouts of America Equal Access Act. Please contact Collier County Public Schools if you have complaint regarding discrimination.

The District School Board of Collier County,
5775 Osceola Trail, Naples, FL 34109

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Federal, State and Competitive Grants

McKinney-Vento Education Program

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Who are Homeless Students?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act protects the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness. It provides grants and legal protections so children and youth in homeless situations can enroll in, attend, and succeed in school and preschool programs. Section 725 of the Act defines "homeless children and youth" (school age and younger) as:

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including 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 camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
- Abandoned in hospitals.
- 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.
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.
- Unaccompanied youth – A homeless child or youth, who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

If you think you qualify for this program

If your housing situation is temporary and you think you qualify for this program please complete the online survey using the QR code https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FY24StudentHousing

Helpful Services and information for enrollment

A Florida Certificate of Immunization, or exemption, and a physical examination shall be provided to the school within 30 days of the enrollment date.

Immunizations are available free of charge at the Florida Department of Health in Naples and Immokalee.

- **The Collier County Health Department**
  3339 East Tamiami Trail, Suite 145
  Phone: (239) 252-8200 for appointment

Assistance in obtaining a free physical is available from our office when eligible.

- **McKinney-Vento Education Program**
  Phone: 239-377-0331

Vital Statistics - Florida Birth Certificates (239) 252-8205

Ronald McDonald Care Mobile *(Free Physical),* (239) 658-3013 for appointment.

Access - SNAP, Medicaid, cash assistance. 1-866-762-2237 or **www.myflorida.com/accessflorida**

Collier CARES: is a mobile application and web-app for the purpose of connecting people in need with critical resources and services available in Collier County, Florida. https://colliercares.org/cc/page/about-collier-cares

What the District Liaison Can Do

- Assist with timely registration and enrollment
- Arrange transportation to/from school of origin if eligible
- Arrange for continued attendance at the school of origin
- Arrange free meals
- Obtain services for English language learners as needed
- Refer to services available through Collier County Public Schools
- Assist obtaining immunizations and physicals for enrollment
- Counsel students and parents
- Provide school supplies, hygiene kits and uniforms
- Coordinate services with community agencies as needed.
- Provide tutoring services
- Provide clothes and shoes vouchers

Goal

The District School Board of Collier County identifies homeless students to help minimize the disruption of their education experience. Children experiencing homelessness often have a lack of continuity in their education due to attendance in several different schools and consequent gaps in skill development. The district's mission is to provide consistent and high quality educational experiences for ***all*** students to enable them to achieve their maximum potential. To assist the students experiencing homelessness, a Liaison has been hired to work exclusively with the students and their parents.