

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** is a federal law created to support the enrollment and education of students experiencing homelessness. McKinney-Vento is intended to provide students experiencing homelessness the same educational opportunities as housed students by removing as many barriers to learning as possible.

The **McKinney-Vento Act** defines children experiencing homelessness as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.” This definition includes (but is not limited to) children who are:

- sharing housing due to economic hardship or loss of housing (e.g. doubled-up)
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds
- living in emergency or transitional shelters
- sleeping in places unfit for human habitation (e.g. park benches)
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, etc.

Unstable Housing?

If your housing is unstable, your schooling doesn't have to be.

Children & Youth in McKinney-Vento situations have the right to...

- stay at their school of origin
- go to the school where they live now
- enroll in school immediately, even without the typical paperwork
- The support of the district's McKinney-Vento Liaison

Manistique Area Schools is committed to supporting students experiencing housing instabilities. If you are experiencing a housing crisis, please contact the district's McKinney-Vento Liaison, Principal Lynn Evans, (906) 252-4302 or email her at levans@manistiqueschools.org.

Call **211** or go to the **211 website** for immediate assistance with housing, shelter, and other needs.