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# Students Rights and Services
# McKinney-Vento Federal Act

The McKinney-Vento Assistance Act can help provide school stability for children and youth who do not have a permanent home or address.

**SCHOOL CONTACT**
For more information about your rights and services, please email or call the school liaison list below:

McKinney-Vento Liaison: Mr. Trey Showalter
Telephone: 812-295-3254 ext. 2450
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Do you have uncertain housing?

A temporary address?

No permanent physical address?

**REGIONAL CONTACT**
Scott McNeill
317-899-8555

**STATE CONTACT**
Charie Gibson, Homeless Education Specialist
317-232-0957
McKinneyVentoPOC@doe.in.gov

**Do you live in any of the following situations?**

- Staying with more than one family in a house or apartment due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason (doubled-up)
- In a shelter (family, domestic violence, or youth shelter or transitional living program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- In an abandoned building, in a car, bus station, at a campground or on the streets
- In housing that lacks electricity, water, heat, or proper structure

If yes, you may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

**Eligible children and youth have the right to:**

The McKinney Vento Act provides certain rights for homeless students. They include waiving certain requirements such as proof of residency when students are enrolling and allowing categorical eligibility for certain services, such as free textbooks. The Act also states:

- Homeless students may attend their school of origin or the school where they are temporarily residing;
- Homeless students must be provided a written statement of their rights when they enroll and at least two times per year;
- Homeless students may enroll without school, medical, or similar records;
- Homeless students have a right to transportation to school;
- Students must be provided a statement explaining why they are denied any service or enrollment;
- Students must receive services, such as transportation, while disputes are being settled;
- Students are automatically eligible for Title I services;
- School districts must reserve a portion of Title IA funds to serve homeless students;
- School districts must review and revise policies that provide barriers to homeless students;
- Schools must post information in the community regarding the rights of homeless students, in schools and other places that homeless families may frequent; and
- School districts must identify a McKinney Vento Liaison to assist students.

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**Relevant Newsletters & Bulletins:**

- Loogootee Community School Corporation Board Policy
  https://go.boarddocs.com/in/lcsc/Board.nsf/Public?open&id=policies#
- Loogootee Schools Bulletins
  https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1l3-A3Q6qjlddcFATgkp-eGzJms-ZuILT?usp=sharing
- IDOE
  https://www.in.gov/doe/home/mckinney-vento-homeless-children-and-youth-program/
- National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
  https://naehcy.org/
- The National Center for Homeless Education
  https://nche.ed.gov/
- School House Connection
  https://schoolhouseconnection.org/
- U.S. Department of Education
  https://www.ed.gov/
- National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth
  https://naehcy.org/
- Federal Resources
  - A Way Home America
  - The Homeless and Housing Resource Center
  - Human Rights Campaign
  - Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness
  - NAEHCY - National Association for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth
  - National Alliance to End Homelessness
  - National Domestic Violence Hotline
  - National Homelessness Law Center
  - National Network for Youth
  - National Runaway Safeline

  - NCHE - National Center for Homeless Education
  - SchoolHouse Connection
  - Social Security Administration
  - United States Department of Education
  - United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
  - United States Interagency Council on Homelessness
- State Resources
  - Exodus - Refugee & Immigration Assistance
  - Helping Veterans and Families - Veteran Assistance
  - HSI - Indiana's Homeless Prevention Program - Housing Assistance
  - Indiana 211 - Food, Shelter & Housing, and Health Care Resources across the state
  - Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles - State I.D., Driver's License
  - Indiana Department of Health - Birth Certificates, Vital Statistics
  - Indiana Department of Housing & Urban Development - Housing supports
  - Indiana Department of Workforce Development - Job assistance, High school Equivalency exam
  - Indiana Family & Social Services Administration - SNAP, TANF, Medicaid
  - Indiana Head Start & Early Head Start - School readiness program for children under 5 years.
  - IHCDA - Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority - Housing First program, Homeless Youth Program, Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care
  - Indiana Housing Now - Housing Resources
  - Salvation Army Indiana
  - Volunteers of America