

Main Themes of McKinney-Vento

- School stability
- School accesses
- Support for academic success
- Child-centered, best interest decision making

McKinney-Vento Requires Districts to:

- Appoint a Homeless Coordinator: Mrs. Echo Combs
- Actively identify homeless children & youth
- Determine school of best interest with family
- Provide transportation to school of best interest
- Remove all barriers to enrollment & success
- Inform parents, school staff, and others of rights of homeless students
- Facilitate resolution of disputes

Educational Protections:

- Immediate enrollment, even lacking paperwork
- Concepts of “school of origin” and “school of best interest”
- Right to transportation
- Right to comparable and non-segregated services
- Right to complete the school year at one school if feasible
- Access to free breakfast and lunch program
- Access to Title 1 services

Homeless students are defined as lacking a fixed, regular and/or adequate nighttime residence, including the following:

- sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing or economic hardship

- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- living in emergency or transitional shelters
- abandoned in hospitals
- awaiting foster care placement
- living in public or private places not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, transportation stations or similar settings
- migratory children living in conditions described above

Homeless children have a right to be enrolled in their school of origin or to attend school in the area where they are living. A child cannot be denied enrollment due to lack of immunization records. A homeless student is entitled to transportation to his school of origin if that is what his parent or guardian requests. A homeless student is entitled to all the educational services and extracurricular opportunities that would be available to any other student living in the district.

For help coordinating services for homeless youth in the Bradleyville R-I School District please contact the following:

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