



# The McKinney-Vento Act

is a federal law designed to increase the school enrollment, attendance, and success of children and youth who are experiencing homelessness.

## DEFINING HOMELESSNESS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

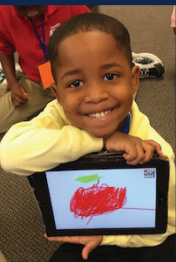
*Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.*

**Fixed residence** is one that is stationary, permanent, and not subject to change.

**Regular residence** is one that is used on a regular basis (i.e. nightly).

**Adequate residence** is one that is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.

It is important to note that if a living situation does not meet all three (fixed, regular, and adequate), then the situation is considered homeless. The homeless liaison in the district is responsible for determining who qualifies under the educational law as homeless and what services are needed.



## KEY RIGHTS OF ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH

*The main rights for children and youth who are experiencing homelessness in the school setting include:*

- Right to immediate enrollment in school
- Right to remain in the school of origin IF it is in the student's best interest
- Right to receive transportation to and from the school of origin, when requested
- Access to free school meals
- Supports for academic success

## **SUPPORT SERVICES FOR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

*Educational support services are available to children and youth experiencing homelessness. The district homeless liaison and the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth may determine services such as:*

- Tutorial services
- Transportation to and from the school of origin
- School supplies
- Referrals to community services
- Other provisions of services that will support the success of a child in school



### **FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE HOMELESS LIAISON:**

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