



Richmond County School Homeless Education Program McKinney Vento

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McKinney Vento Definition

- The term "homeless children and youths"--
- (A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and (B) includes--
- (i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- (ii) children and youths who 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 (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));
- (iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- (iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Parent's/Unaccompanied Youth Rights

EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS FOR YOUTHS LACKING FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE HOUSING

Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment without proof of guardianship.

Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.

Enroll in the local attendance area school or continue attending their school of origin.

Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested by the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth.

Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the student's need.

Not be stigmatized or segregated on the basis of homeless status.

Ensure that the youth receives written notice of the school district's position and information about how to appeal the decision, if desired.

An unaccompanied homeless youth is a youth who meets the definitions of unaccompanied youth and homeless included in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 USC §§11431-11435, 2001; hereafter referred to as The McKinney-Vento Act). The Act defines unaccompanied youth as, "a youth not in the physical custody of a parent Supporting the Education of Unaccompanied Homeless Students 2or guardian" (42 USC §11434a(6), 2001). This means that the youth is not living with a parent or guardian, and includes youth who are residing with a caregiver who does not have legal guardianship and youth who are living on their own.

More Information on McKinney Vento

http://center.serve.org/nche/downloads/briefs/service_providers.pdf

National Center for Homeless Education: <http://www.serve.org/nche>

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth: <http://www.naehcy.org>

U.S. Department of Education's Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program:
<http://www2.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>

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