

Woodland School – McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program

Ensuring Educational Access for All Students

What is the McKinney-Vento Act?

The **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** is a federal law that ensures children and youth experiencing homelessness have equal access to a free, appropriate public education. This includes the right to remain in their school of origin, receive transportation, and access the same programs and services as housed students.

Who Qualifies?

Children or youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- Living in shelters, motels, or campgrounds
 - Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, or other inadequate housing
 - Sharing housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship ("doubling up")
 - Unaccompanied youth (not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian)
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McKinney-Vento Liaison Contact Information

District Homeless Liaison:

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Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM

If you believe a student may qualify or need support under the McKinney-Vento Act, please contact our liaison.

Services & Supports Available

Students eligible under McKinney-Vento may receive:

- Immediate school enrollment, even without records
- School stability (remain in school of origin when in the best interest)
- Free transportation to and from school
- Free school meals
- School supplies and basic needs
- Counseling, academic support, and referrals to community resources

Resources

- [Download McKinney-Vento Parent Rights Flyer – English \(PDF\)](#)
- [Download McKinney-Vento Parent Rights Flyer – Spanish \(PDF\)](#)
- [McKinney-Vento Intake/Referral Form](#)
- [State Homeless Education Office Website](#)
- [National Center for Homeless Education \(NCHE\)](#)

Need Help?

If you or someone you know may be experiencing housing instability, please reach out. We are here to help ensure every student has the support they need to succeed.