

**Important to know:**

**McKinney eligibility is per school calendar year, once you are in MV you remain in until the last day of school for current school year. If you move to another town or find permanent housing, you may continue to receive services until the last day of school. It is your choice to stay at current school or transfer to district school (as long as there is room in the grade needed). You may contact your District Liaison for assistance with this.**

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Bussing Coordinator  
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**Must call Jeff for transportation details once McKinney Vento department has set up transportation.**



**McKINNEY VENTO WAS  
ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED IN  
1987 REAUTHORIZED WITH  
THE NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND  
ACT OF 2001  
AND AMENDED BY THE EVERY  
STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT OF  
2015**



**THE MCKINNEY  
VENTO  
HOMELESS  
ASSISTANCE  
ACT**

**HOMELESS**  
*But not helpless:*

**EDUCATION  
FOR HOMELESS  
CHILD & YOUTH  
PROGRAM**



**PRE K-12th Grade**

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE!**



The McKinney Vento Act (MCV) defines "homeless children and youth" as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

The term includes--children and youth who are:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometime referred to as doubled-up)
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train station, or camping ground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodation
- living in emergency or transitional shelters abandoned in hospitals; or similar settings

The McKinney-Vento grant is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State Educational Agencies (SEA) must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth.

McKinney Vento Act requires schools to enroll students (both accompanied and unaccompanied) experiencing homelessness (due to the above terms) immediately, even if the student is unable to provide documents that are typically required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, records of immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, or other documentation 42 U.S.C.11432(g)(3)C.

McKinney Vento provides\*:

- Transportation from temporary residence to school and back
- School uniforms
- High School cap and gown for graduation
- Transportation to evening academic events
- Basic school supplies
- Tools for school: tickets to school events, uniforms for sports/after school activities
- Community Connection Coordinator at the local shelters
- Tutors at the shelters

\*A form may be required for events

If you are in need of any of the following assistance you can contact the Parent Liaison at the Schools.



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