

Possible Signs of Homelessness

- History of attending many schools
- Erratic attendance and tardiness
- Consistent lack of preparation for class
- Sleeping in class
- Hostility and anger or extremes in behavior (e.g., shyness, withdrawal, nervousness, depression)
- Poor hygiene and grooming
- Inadequate or inappropriate clothing for the weather
- Hunger and hoarding food
- Resistance to parting with personal possessions (e.g., not wanting to leave favorite toy unattended or put a coat in a locker)

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The McKinney-Vento Act protects the educational rights of children and youth in the following homeless situations:

DEFINITION OF HOMELESS

Individuals a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence

- Children living in shelters, including domestic violence shelters
- Children living in hotels/motels
- Children living on the streets or in cars, abandoned buildings, campgrounds, etc.
- Children living in substandard conditions
 - Not fit for human habitation (i.e., no electricity, no heat, no running water, no windows/doors, holes in the roof/floor, no way to cook/store food)
- Abandoned children and youth
- Two or more families living together in crowded or undesirable living conditions, (doubling up) because they have no place of their own to live due to eviction, loss of income, house fire, domestic violence, etc.

WHAT WE CAN DO

- Identify homeless children and youth
- Assist homeless students with school enrollment
- Provide school clothing and uniforms
- Help homeless students access educational services and programs
- Provide referrals to shelters and community networking for homeless families
- Assist with transportation services

MCKINNEY-VENTO EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF ELIGIBLE STUDENTS

The law gives children and youth in homeless situations the right to:

- receive a free, appropriate public education.
- enroll in school immediately, even if lacking normally required for enrollment, or having missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.
- enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- continue attending the school of origin or enroll in the local attendance area school if attending the school of origin is not in the best interest of the student or is contrary to the request of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth.
- receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested by the parent or guardian, or by the local liaison on behalf of an unaccompanied youth; and
- receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to each student's need.

