

FEDERAL PROGRAMS - TITLE IX - HOMELESS EDUCATION

- The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act defines a homeless individual as one who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

If your family lives in any of the following situations, you may be considered homeless:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

If your child is considered eligible for the homeless program, he/she has the right to:

- Access to the same public education as other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before becoming homeless, if feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision. Transportation would be provided if needed to the school of origin.
- Participate in all programs and activities with students that are not homeless.
- Enroll immediately in school. The school will work with parents to obtain necessary records.

Services are provided to students that qualify for the homeless program. Services include, but are not limited to:

- School supplies
- Payment of class fees/dues
- Payment of field trips
- Clothing
- Personal hygiene items
- Referral for medical, dental, counseling, etc.
- Free school breakfast/lunch
- Counseling services