

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Serving Families in Transition

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act affords eligible students the rights to immediate enrollment, transportation/busing, automatic enrollment in the free/reduced lunch program, automatic enrollment in Title I services, all school-based services of which they qualify, participate in all programs and activities offered to students and families and challenge enrollment/school-choice decisions.

Who is Eligible for Services According to the McKinney-Vento Act? The term "homeless children and youth" refers to individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. Under the law, a child may qualify as homeless if he or she is:

- Living in an emergency shelter, domestic violence shelter, or transitional housing.
- Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, or campground, were abandoned in a hospital, or are awaiting foster care placement;
- Living in a car, park, public place, bus or train station, abandoned building, or other structure not meant for housing;
- Doubled-up with relatives or friends due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;

NOT living with a parent or legal guardian, is an unaccompanied youth living in a situation that meets one of the four definitions listed above

How does the McKinney-Vento program work at Latta PS? Students who are in a transitional living situation and considered Homeless have the same rights/services as students who are not considered Homeless. Homeless students participate fully in educational services including after-school tutoring services. All records and information that applies to a student's homeless status is confidential and will only be shared with certified staff on a need to know basis.

If you have further questions, please contact Latta's Homeless Liaison: Wendy Norton, 580.332.3298, wnorton@latta.k12.ok.us.