

## Homeless Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento)

In 2015, Congress reauthorized the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act to help people experiencing homelessness. The federal law includes the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program that entitles children who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence to a free, appropriate education and requires schools to remove barriers to their attendance and success in school.

**If you or someone you know is in transition and would like to speak with someone about the program, please contact the McKinney-Vento Liaison or your school counselor.**

Examples of living situations that may qualify are:

- Living with a friend, relative or other person
- Hotel or motel
- Shelter or transitional housing
- Car, park or other public place
- Campground, storage unit, abandoned building or other inadequate home
- Youth living on their own, runaway youth

The living situations above do not include all situations that may qualify.

[Parents Rights.pdf](#)  
[Youth Rights.pdf](#)

## McKinney-Vento Data

Rates of homelessness are higher today than at any point of data collection for homelessness. NC State data may be found at the following sites:

- The [NCHEP Profile](#)
- The [NCHE NC State](#)

## Access to Programs & Services

Students will have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students, including:

- Transportation
- Supplemental educational services
- Child Nutrition
- All eligible McKinney-Vento students will receive free meal benefits. There is no Free & Reduced Application required.

## Dispute Process

If the parent/guardian/youth disagree on the McKinney-Vento eligibility, a process is in place to appeal the decision.

**Please refer to the liaison for the MICS Dispute Process guidelines.**

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