

McKinney-Vento (M-V) Basics:

Definition of Homeless...

Any child or youth who **lacks a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence.**

- Fixed: Not subject to change, securely placed.
- Regular: Consistent, used on a nightly basis.
- Adequate: Sufficient to meet physical & psychological needs.

*Make determinations on a case-by-case basis

**Once a student is identified under M-V, they are eligible for services through the remainder of the school year. Redeterminations are made at the start of each school year.

Eaton RESA coordinates the McKinney-Vento Grant for Eaton, Shiawassee, and Clinton counties. We receive funding through Title IX to assure families are served in these communities. Families may seek assistance to receive transportation, supplies (snow pants, diapers, etc)., assistance with housing, etc.

M-V Homeless Qualifiers:

If a child or youth is living in any of the following situations, they may qualify for rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act:

- In a shelter.
- In a motel, hotel, tent, or campground due to lack of alternative adequate housing.
- In a car, park, or abandoned building.
- In a bus or train station.
- Doubled up due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- Migratory children in any scenario above.
- Runaway/unaccompanied youth in any scenario above.

M-V Educational Rights:

All eligible children and youth have the right to...

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school (school of residence); or continue attending the last school attended while permanently housed or the school in when they were last enrolled (school of origin), based on the preference of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied homeless youth.
 - If the school district believes that the school selected is not in the best interest of the child, then the district must provide a written explanation of position and give the option to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the needs of each child.

Students also have the right to FULLY participate in school, including participation in extracurricular activities.

District of Origin: The school a student last attended while permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled.

District of Residence: The local school district where the student now resides after displacement.

Coordinator Responsibilities:

- Respond to inquiries from Liaisons (allowable/unallowable expenses; eligible/ineligible resources; where to find resources, etc)
- Respond to reimbursement questions from Liaisons
- Act as the link to Michigan Department of Education and the McKinney Vento program
- Engage and connect with Liaisons to update on any new requirements, qualifications, etc.
- Provide aggregate data on students who are experiencing homelessness
- Obtain monthly student data on age, needs, etc from Liaisons

LEA (Local Education Agency) Liaison Responsibilities:

- Identify McKinney Vento students
- Post public notice of McKinney Vento rights to parents and youths
- Provide professional development and support on McKinney-Vento to school staff
- Connect young children to preschool, Head Start, and early intervention
- Connect families and youth to housing, health, mental health, and other services
- Inform families about transportation to school of origin and assist in assessing transportation needs

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