

## Admission of Homeless Students

Students defined as homeless children under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act and state law shall be admitted without payment of tuition or fees.

According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act, a homeless individual is one who:

- Lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence
- Shares housing with other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Lives in campgrounds, motels, hotels, or trailer parks due to the lack of adequate accommodations
- Lives in emergency or transitional shelters
- Is abandoned in hospitals
- Awaits foster care placement
- Has a primary residence not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation
- Lives in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Is a migratory child living in circumstances described above
- Is an unaccompanied youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian

Transportation for homeless students who enroll in the District shall be furnished by the District if such transportation is necessary in compliance with federal law for up to one school year, or until the student becomes permanently housed.

Each homeless child shall be provided services for which the child is eligible comparable to services provided to other students in the school selected regardless of residency.

Homeless children shall be provided access to education and other services that such children need to insure that they have an opportunity to meet the same student performance standards to which all students are held.

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LEGAL REFS.: 42 U.S.C. §11431 and §11432 (McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act)  
C.R.S. 22-1-102.5 (Definition of homeless child)  
C.R.S. 22-32-109 (1)(dd) (Duty to adopt/revise policies to remove barriers to access and success in schools for homeless children)  
C.R.S. 22-33-103.5 (Attendance of homeless children)  
C.R.S. 26-5.7-101 et seq. (Homeless Youth Act)

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