

McKinney-Vento Act (homeless student information)

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is a federal law that helps children and teens who don't have a stable place to live. It makes sure they can get the same free and fair public education as other students. In Michigan, this law gives important protections to students without a fixed, regular, or safe place to stay.

Who Does McKinney-Vento Help?

This law helps students who:

- Live in shelters, motels, campgrounds, or cars.
 - Share housing with others because their family is struggling financially.
 - Stay in places not meant for sleeping, like garages or basements.
 - Don't have a parent or guardian taking care of them (unaccompanied youth).
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What Are Their Rights?

Students who qualify under McKinney-Vento have these rights:

1. **Enroll Right Away**
They can start school immediately, even if they don't have papers like proof of residency, immunization records, or previous school records.
2. **Stay at Their School**
They can keep going to the same school they were at before losing housing, if it's best for them.
3. **Get Transportation**
The school will help with transportation to their original school, if needed.
4. **Free School Meals**
They can get free meals at school without filling out an application.
5. **Extra Help**
They can get tutoring, counseling, and other support to help them succeed in school.
6. **Join School Activities**
They can participate fully in sports, clubs, and other school programs.

How We Help

St. Johns Public Schools is here to support students and families experiencing homelessness. Our McKinney-Vento liaison works to make sure every student has the tools and resources to do their best in school.

Who to Contact

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For more details, visit the [Michigan Department of Education's McKinney-Vento Page](#).