

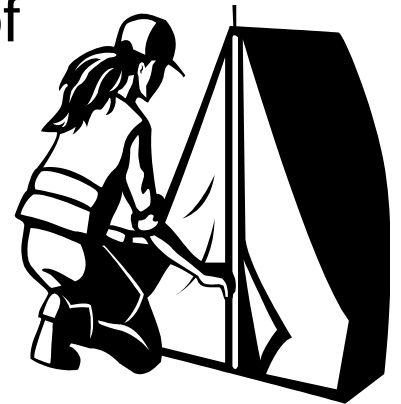
Avon Public Schools

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program

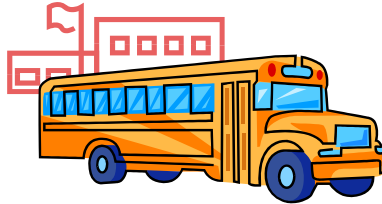


Individuals who are eligible to receive services include children and youth who:

- Do not have a permanent home
- Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds
- Live in State Care and Custody
- Live in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, substandard buildings, or similar settings
- Share housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardships, or a similar reason
- Are considered an unaccompanied youth (youth not in physical custody of a parent or guardian)



They have the right to:



- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education provided to other students.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is their choice and is feasible. The school district's local liaison for homeless education must assist them, if needed, and offer them the right to appeal a decision regarding their choice of school if it goes against their wishes.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if they request such transportation.

They have the right to:

- Attend a school and participate in school programs with students who are not homeless. Students cannot be separated from regular school programs because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. School cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed as provided to all other students served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.



When students move, they should do the following:



- Contact the school district's homeless liaison, Paul Zinni, for help in enrolling in a new school or arranging to continue in their former school. If they choose, someone at a shelter or social services office can contact the liaison for them.
- Inform their teachers about anything needed to help the student in school.
- Ask the local liaison, the shelter provider or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

For more information:

- To learn more about the McKinney-Vento Act Advisories, please contact Paul Zinni and/or visit the Department of Education website at:
<http://www.doe.mass.edu/hsss.program/homeless.html>



“All Homeless Children must have full and equal opportunity to succeed in school and receive educational services.”

