

# McKinney - Vento Homeless Act

## Who Is Eligible?

Students who do not have a fixed, adequate, and/or regular nighttime residence, who are:

- In an emergency or transitional shelter.
- With friends or relatives due to loss of housing or economic hardship (doubled up).
- In a motel, hotel, or campground.
- In a car, bus or train station, or other public space.
- In an abandoned building or some other inadequate accommodations.
- Unaccompanied youth: youth living apart from parent(s) and no arrangements were made for the child's care or parents have denied housing.

## Educational Rights

Students in temporary housing have the following rights for the duration of the school year:

- **Enrollment:** Immediately enroll in school and attend classes even without required documents.
- **School Choice:** Students may stay at the school attended when permanently housed or enroll in the school where you currently live.
- **Access:** Students will have access to the same programs and services that are available to all students.
- **Transportation:** Receive transportation assistance to/from school.
- **Free Meals:** Automatically eligible for free breakfast and lunch
- **School Fees:** Basic school fees waived.
- **Students in Special Education:** Receive special education services immediately, even if I.E.P. itself is not available.

## Additional Parent Information

- Enroll your child in school as soon as possible, even if you do not have birth certificates and/or immunization records.
- Continue to provide school staff with current phone numbers and addresses.
- Talk to teachers. The more the teacher knows about your child, the more they can help your child succeed.
- Stay in communication with your School Counselor regarding your family situation and needs.
- Utilize the Mental Health Coordinator who can help connect your family with resources.
- Contact the Building Principal if you want to pursue your right to challenge eligibility, placement, and enrollment decisions.

## Resources

### United Way

Referrals to community agencies  
715-507-5005

### North Central Community Action Program (NCCAP)

Housing Resources  
715-387-2626

### St. Vincent De Paul Outreach

Food pantry, household items, free  
medical clinic and housing asst.  
715-387-0395

### Soup or Socks

Food and Clothing Pantry  
715-387-1796

### The Bread Barn

Food Pantry  
[jay@thebreadbarn.org](mailto:jay@thebreadbarn.org)

### Wisconsin State Financial Programs:

[www.access.wi.gov](http://www.access.wi.gov)

**Northern Consortium** (Wood  
County) 888-794-5722

**Central Consortium** (Marathon  
County) 888-445-1621

## School Contacts

### District Liaison & Middle/High School Counselor:

Ms. Jonni-rae Binder  
715-652-2115 x2123

### Elementary Counselor:

Mr. Josh Nagel  
715-652-2812 x1509

### Mental Health Coordinator:

Ms. Samantha Phillips  
715-652-2812 or 715-652-2115

### Director of Pupil Services:

Mrs. Devin Damerell 715-652-  
2812 or 715-652-2115

### Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

<https://dpi.wi.gov/homeless>

### National Center for Homeless Education

Helpline: 800-308-2145  
[www.serve.org/nche](http://www.serve.org/nche)

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Educational and Housing  
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