

THE CREEK

INDIAN CREEK SCHOOLS

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MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT RIGHTS FOR HOMELESS STUDENTS

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, schools must ensure each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free and appropriate public education. Homeless children and youth should have access to the educational and other services they need to enable them to meet the same challenging student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. School districts are required to review and undertake steps to revise regulations, practices or policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youth.

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The McKinney-Vento Act defines “homeless children and youth” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. The term includes:

- Children and youth who are:
 - Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason (sometimes referred to as doubled-up);
 - Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
 - Abandoned in hospitals;
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.
- Beginning Dec. 10, 2016, “those awaiting foster care placement” are not included in the definition.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Any housing questions should be directed to local McKinney-Vento Liaison, Andrea Perry, (317)

878-2100 or aperry@nhj.k12.in.us.

Information about McKinney-Vento:

Flora Jones, Director of Student Pathways & Opportunities

Charles Gibson, Homeless Education Specialist

Email: McKinneyVentoPOC@doe.in.gov

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<https://www.in.gov/doe/home/mckinney-vento-homeless-children-and-youth-program/>

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

McKinney-Vento Parent Brochure

https://nche.ed.gov/wp-content/uploads/2018/11/parentbrochure_eng.pdf

Gleaners Food Distribution – Mobile Pantries

<https://www.gleaners.org/about-us/our-programs-2/>

Helpline of Johnson County

<https://www.uwjc.org/helpline>

The Lord's Locker

<https://www.facebook.com/ThelordsLockerForSuchATimeAsThis/>

National Center for Homeless Education

<https://nche.ed.gov/>

SchoolHouse Connection

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/>

National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

<https://naehcy.org/>

Indiana 211

<https://in211.communityos.org>

Township Trustee Information

Nineveh Township Trustee - Jonetta Knight (765) 516-1598

Hensley Township Trustee - Beth Baird (317) 710-5880

Jackson Township Trustee - Bill Witt (812) 597-0150

Federal Resources

- [A Way Home America](#)
- [The Homeless and Housing Resource Center](#)
- [Human Rights Campaign](#)
- [Institute for Children, Poverty, and Homelessness](#)
- [NAEHCY - National Association for the Education of Homeless Children & Youth](#)
- [National Alliance to End Homelessness](#)
- [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#)
- [National Homelessness Law Center](#)
- [National Network for Youth](#)
- [National Runaway Safeline](#)
- [NCHE - National Center for Homeless Education](#)
- [SchoolHouse Connection](#)
- [Social Security Administration](#)
- [United States Department of Education](#)
- [United States Department of Housing and Urban Development](#)
- [United States Interagency Council on Homelessness](#)

State Resources

- [Exodus](#) - Refugee & Immigration Assistance
- [Helping Veterans and Families](#) - Veteran Assistance
- [HSI - Indiana's Homeless Prevention Program](#) - Housing Assistance
- [Indiana 211](#) - Food, Shelter & Housing, and Health Care Resources across the state
- [Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles](#) - State I.D., Driver's License
- [Indiana Department of Health](#) - Birth Certificates, Vital Statistics
- [Indiana Department of Housing & Urban Development](#) - Housing supports
- [Indiana Department of Workforce Development](#) - Job assistance, High school Equivalency exam
- [Indiana Family & Social Services Administration](#) - SNAP, TANF, Medicaid
- [Indiana Head Start & Early Head Start](#) - School readiness program for children under 5 years.
- [IHCDA - Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority](#) - Housing First program, Homeless Youth Program, Indiana Balance of State Continuum of Care
- [Indiana Housing Now](#) - Housing Resources
- [Salvation Army Indiana](#)
- [Volunteers of America](#)



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

The McKinney Vento Act provides certain rights for homeless students. They include waiving certain requirements such as proof of residency when students are enrolling and allowing categorical eligibility for certain services, such as free textbooks. The Act also states:

- Homeless students may attend their school of origin or the school where they are temporarily residing;
- Homeless students must be provided a written statement of their rights when they enroll and at least two times per year;
- Homeless students may enroll without school, medical, or similar records;
- Homeless students have a right to transportation to school;
- Students must be provided a statement explaining why they are denied any service or enrollment;
- Students must receive services, such as transportation, while disputes are being settled;
- Students are automatically eligible for Title I services;
- School districts must reserve a portion of Title IA funds to serve homeless students;
- School districts must review and revise policies that provide barriers to homeless students;
- Schools must post information in the community regarding the rights of homeless students, in schools and other places that homeless families may frequent; and
- School districts must identify a McKinney Vento Liaison to assist students.