

Facts about McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

Part of the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, this law protects homeless students from discrimination and mandates equal access to educational programs and services. Students who are identified as homeless must have barriers to their education removed.

Dispute Resolution

Any dispute that arises over school selection or enrollment, the process will be carried out as expeditiously as possible. Appeal procedures in the dispute process will be carried out by the district.

Community Resources

2-1-1 Wisconsin
Dial 211 from any phone to speak with a resource specialist to direct you to community resources

Lancaster Resources:

Food Pantry
Lancaster Assoc. of Churches
Mondays and Thursdays

Grant Regional Hospital
(608) 723- 2143

Your Neighborhood Thrift
(608) 723- 2505

McKinney-Vento Services for Homeless Students

Cassville School District

Information for students, families, and staff



Qualification

“Homeless” refers to situations where a child “doesn’t live in a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence”

A student may qualify if he/she is presently:

- Sharing housing with relatives or others temporarily due to lack of housing
- Living in a motel, campground, etc
- Living in a shelter or transitional living program
- Living in a public place
- Living in an abandoned building
- A youth not living with a parent or legal guardian and staying with others temporarily (including runaways)
- A child of a migrant worker

“Unaccompanied youth” refers to anyone not in the physical custody of a legal guardian.

STUDENT RIGHTS

Immediate school enrollment

- Even without proof of residency, guardianship, immunizations, or school records

School Choice

- Students may choose to stay at the school attended when permanently housed or to enroll in the school where currently living for the remainder of the academic year

Free Lunches

- Homeless students are automatically eligible to receive free lunch for the duration of the school year.

School Fee Waivers

- Students have the right to equal access to education and full participation

Transportation

- Transportation agreements are provided for students residing outside of their school’s attendance area.

HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES

Contact Cassville School District at:
(608) 725- 5116

Each school has a homeless liaison to help students and families access services in the school and community.

Please contact:

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