

McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11431

Parent/Caretaker and Student Information Sheet

If your family lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and is forced to live in any of the following situations:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (example: evicted from home, etc.).
- In a motel, hotel, campground, or similar setting due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- In an emergency or transitional shelter.
- Have a primary nighttime residence that is not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for humans.
- In a car, park, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, bus or train station, or a similar setting.

OR

- You are a student who is not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian and is living in one of the situations listed above, or are “couch surfing” with other families because you are unable to stay with your own. (These would be considered an unaccompanied youth)

You may be eligible for McKinney-Vento rights and services.

Your eligible child(ren) have the right to:

- Enroll in school immediately, even if they are lacking documents normally required for enrollment (i.e. birth certificates, immunizations, proof of residency, etc.).
- Choose between the local school where you are living or the school last attended before losing your permanent housing, when feasible.
- Receive transportation to school.
- Receive meals through the Free and Reduced Lunch Program.
- Attend school and participate in school programs with children who are not experiencing homelessness. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they lack fixed, regular, or adequate housing.
- Receive all the school services available to other students.

Eligibility for McKinney-Vento rights is determined by the District’s McKinney-Vento Liaison (LEA). Referrals can be made by completing a Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) form and speaking with the School Social Worker or School Counselor. The SRQ form can be found at the local school or on the Alexander County School’s website:

<https://sites.google.com/a/alexander.k12.nc.us/alexander-county-schools-mckinney-vento/>

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