

McKinney Vento Act—Know The Facts!

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McKinney Vento is an act that protects school-age homeless children

Who qualifies: children that are living in cars, shelters, or are doubled up with another family

Homeless children have the right to continue going to the school they were enrolled in before becoming homeless for the rest of the school year

If a homeless family decides they want their children to continue at that school for the rest of the school year, that school must pay for and provide transportation for them

If you move to another school district and want to remain at your original school, the two districts must arrange transportation, if practical (in terms of distance), at no cost to you

Once you inform the school that you are homeless, the school has 48 hours to arrange transportation plans

If you would rather send your child to a new local school, the school has to enroll the child immediately without records

Schools educating homeless children are also required to pay for those students to attend schools functions that are a part of the educational program (i.e. educational field trips).

Schools educating homeless children must help them get materials they need for educational programming (i.e. school uniforms, school supplies)

Homeless children have the right to a quicker than usual evaluation process for services such as disability eligibility, gifted programs, and ELL programs (the standard evaluation time is 60 days)