

Unaccompanied Youth Guide for Education for Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness

McKinney-Vento Student Rights

- Receive assistance from the school district homeless liaison
- Enroll in school and begin attending classes immediately
- Continue attending the school of origin even if they are staying in another school district , if it is in your best interest
- Receive transportation to your school of origin
- Participate fully in school, including extra curriculum activities
- Receive credit for full or partial coursework if satisfactorily completed while attending a prior school
- Automatically eligible for free school meals
- Receive assistance from school counselors to advise, prepare, and improve your readiness for college
- Be informed of and obtain verification of your Commitment status as an independent student for financial aid

Eligibility for McKinney-Vento Services

Definition of an unaccompanied youth:

A youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian:

This means that the youth is not living with a parent or guardian, and includes youth who are residing with a caregiver who does not have legal guardianship and youth who are living on their own

Definition of homeless children or youth:

An individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residences

Commitment

Our team is committed to providing assistance with coordination and collaboration of services to ensure that you have the opportunity to succeed in school.

See How ECYEH Can Help

Did You Know

- that you have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education experience as other children and youth have, despite your housing mobility
- that you can apply for federal student aid without parent/guardian signature, and without reporting your parents income (submitting a FAFSA, free application for federal student aid)
- that you are considered homeless no matter what circumstances that led up to your separation from your family; this includes if you ran away from home and/or are being denied housing by your family
- that 87% of homeless students drop out of school and are twice as likely to become unemployable adults trapped in poverty
- that in school year 2013-14 across our country's public school system, that more than 1.3 million homeless students, a 7% increase from the prior year and more than double the number in 2006-07

ECYEH Can Assist With

- Tracking/transferring school records
- Accessing educational programs
- Problem-solving
- Connections to resources in the community
- Outreach visits
- School related items

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