



McKinney-Vento Act for Homeless Students

The McKinney-Vento Act was originally authorized in 1987 and most recently reauthorized in December 2015 by Every Student Succeeds Act. (ESSA). It was designed to address the challenges that homeless children and youths have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under the McKinney-Vento Act, state educational agencies must ensure that each homeless child and youth has access to the educational and related services that they need to enable them to meet the same challenging state academic standards to which all students are held. In addition, homeless students may not be separated from the mainstream school environment. State educational agencies and local educational agencies are required to review and undertake steps to revise laws, regulations, enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youths.

Who is considered homeless? Under McKinney-Vento Act, the term “homeless children and youths” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence that includes children and youths who are:

Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.

Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to lack of alternative accommodations.

Living in emergency, transitional, or domestic violence shelters; abandoned in hospitals; or unsheltered.

Gillingham Charter School is committed to helping your child receive a consistent quality education. If you know someone or you would benefit from the McKinney-Vento Act, please contact the homeless liaison, Jessica McCready at (570) 955-3830 ext. 112 or by email jmccready@gillinghamcharterschool.org