

The federal **MCKINNEY VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT**

defines homeless children and youth as those who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

The goal of school district support is to ensure educational equity and success for students experiencing homelessness.

HOW CAN THE AASD MCKINNEY VENTO LIAISON HELP YOU?

- Eligibility determination is made through the school district McKinney Vento Homeless Liaison
- The liaison is key to ensuring homeless children and youth receive the educational services they need
- The liaison is the primary contact between homeless families, school staff, shelter workers, and other service providers
- Explain educational supports & protection under the law and assist with any educational access barriers
- Basic Needs Care Packages

HOMELESS SUPPORT CONTACT

AASD McKinney Vento Liaison Homeless Student Support

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District website with resources:

www.aasd.k12.wi.us  Families
Programs & Services  Homeless
Student Services & Support

www.aasd.k12.wi.us/teaching_learning/homeless_student_services

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SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS



EXAMPLES OF HOMELESS LIVING SITUATIONS UNDER MCKINNEY VENTO:

- sharing housing / doubling up due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- living in hotels / motels or trailer parks or campgrounds due to a lack of alternative adequate housing
- living in emergency or transitional shelters
- living in a public or private place not designated for, or normally used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar places
- unaccompanied homeless youth (minors or age 18+ high school students living away from their parent/guardian due to loss of housing/ housing crisis)



MCKINNEY VENTO SUPPORTS INCLUDE:

Support is determined each school year and remains in place for the duration of the school year in which the child is qualified under McKinney Vento

- School enrollment stability/consistency - ability for students experiencing homelessness to continue to attend their school or origin (the school they have been attending)
- Assessment of needed transportation support to/from school of origin
- Immediate school enrollment & assistance overcoming any school enrollment barriers
- Authorization of free school meals
- Waiving of school fees
- Access to educational materials/supplies
- Assistance with basic needs & linking families to community resources
- Post high school support planning for Unaccompanied Homeless

STUDENTS ARE DETERMINED ELIGIBLE FOR SUPPORT BY THE DISTRICT MCKINNEY VENTO LIAISON THROUGH:

- **Self-report** (online enrollment/annual registration forms), family / student disclosure of homeless situations)
- **School staff referral** (School Social Workers, School Counselors, Secretaries, Teachers, etc.)
- **Student transfers to AASD** from other districts with McKinney Vento determination already in place for the current school year

RESOURCES

The McKinney-Vento Liaison can assist families in linking to needed community resources for housing and basic needs.

AASD District web page with housing and community resources:

District website with resources:

www.aasd.k12.wi.us → Families Programs & Services → Homeless Student Services & Support

www.aasd.k12.wi.us/teaching_learning/homeless_student_services