

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act states that children and youth who lack a **fixed, regular** or **adequate** nighttime residence will be considered homeless. 42 U.S.C. §11434A(2)(A)

- **Fixed:** Securely placed or fastened; not subject to change or fluctuate. A fixed residence is one that is stationary, permanent and not subject to change.
- **Regular:** Normal, standard; Constituted, conducted or done in conformity with established or prescribed usages, rules or discipline, recurring attending or functioning. A regular residence is one which is used on a regular basis.
- **Adequate:** Sufficient for a specific requirement; lawfully and reasonably enough. Fully sufficient; equal to what is required; lawfully and reasonably sufficient. An adequate residence is one that is enough for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.
- **Note:** Living situations include shelters, transitional housing programs, cars, parks, substandard housing, sharing the housing of others (doubled-up or couch surfing), hotels/ motels, campgrounds and migrant youth living in the above situation.

Homeless Students' Rights

- Right to continue at the school of origin, the school they attended before coming homeless or the school in which they were last enrolled.
- Right to transfer to the school of residence.
- Right to immediate enrollment even if they lack normally required documents such as immunization records or proof of residence.
- Right to receive transportation to and from their school of origin for the duration of homelessness or for the rest of the school year after becoming permanently housed.
- Free school breakfast and lunch
- Assistance with fees/ fines including field trips, physical education, lab fees, school sponsored extracurricular activities and other school fees.
- Assistance in obtaining educational items including school supplies.
- Assistance with connecting to social service agencies in the community.

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Local Resources

- 211
- Homeless Coalition:
<https://www.berksiu.org/students-families/k-12-education-student-services/ecyeh/resources/>
- Online shelter directory: <https://directory.center-school.org/homeless/shelter/search>

Additional Information

- [Basic Education Curricular \(Homeless Students\)](#)
- [Kennett Consolidated School District Board Policy #251 - Homeless Youth](#)