



POLK SCHOOL DISTRICT

General Overview McKinney-Vento Law

The homeless definition includes children and youth who are:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason;
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations;
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Abandoned in hospitals;
- Awaiting foster care placement (removed with ESSA beginning December 10, 2016);
- Living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus stations, train stations, or similar settings;
- Migratory – who qualify as homeless living in circumstances described above.

Definition of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY) means not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian; in practical terms, this means the youth does not live with the parent or guardian.

2-Step Process:

1. Does the student's living arrangement meet the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of homeless?
2. Once homelessness is determined, is the student unaccompanied?

What support can a child receive through McKinney Vento?

- School Supplies
- School Clothing
- Transportation
- Medical Emergencies or Assistance
- Counseling
- Tutoring (times/services differ per school)
- Help receiving or paying for certain legal documentation needed for the child