

McKinney-Vento for Whatcom County Schools

Seeking services for school aged children at risk of homelessness/unstably housed or currently homeless? →
 Identify what district the student is/will be enrolling in →
 Contact district McKinney-Vento/Family Liaison for supports (below)

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Eligibility for McKinney-Vento Services

If a family lives:

- in a shelter or transitional housing program
- in a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- in a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- doubled-up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Then this child can possibly receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

McKinney-Vento Rights and Supports

Children eligible for McKinney-Vento have the right to:

- receive a free, appropriate public education.
- enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- enroll in the local school; or continue attending the school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference.
 - If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

Source:

<https://ospi.k12.wa.us/sites/default/files/public/homelessed/pubdocs/NeedToKnowBrochure.pdf>