

# **McKinney Vento Definition, Rights, and Services**

## **ADMISSION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH**

The McKinney Act of 1987, or P.L. 100-77, ensures that each child of a homeless individual and each homeless youth shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to other children and youth. Under the Act, schools are prohibited from delaying a homeless child's entry into school due to delays in obtaining school records. Rules regarding guardianship must be waived for homeless students living with foster parents or relatives other than their legal guardians.

## **McKinney Vento Dispute Resolution Policy**

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act acknowledges that disputes may arise between the school district and homeless students and their parents/guardians. Guidance for school selection is provided in law. Disputes arising between or among the school district of residency; another school district; or the parent, homeless youth, or person in parental relationship to the homeless student regarding the school that the child shall attend, or the educational placement of the homeless student shall be addressed by the homeless coordinator. During this process the homeless coordinator will work alongside administration to ensure every effort is made to resolve the dispute at the school level.

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