

Haywood County Schools Homeless Education

WHO QUALIFIES AS HOMELESS “IN-TRANSITION

The term “homeless children and youth”—

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence; and,

(B) includes—

- children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations;
- are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals;
- children and youths who have 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
- children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and,
- migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

To identify a student who may qualify for McKinney-Vento services – or for information – please contact the School Social Worker at your child's school

Aleasa Glance - District Homeless Liaison

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Haywood County Schools Homeless Data

2013-2014
Shelters: 84
Doubled Up: 181
Unsheltered: 11
Hotels: 12
Total: 283
Unaccompanied: 112

2014-2015
Shelters: 96
Doubled Up: 154
Unsheltered: 8
Hotels: 27
Total: 285
Unaccompanied: 116

2015-2016
Shelters: 119
Doubled Up: 245
Unsheltered: 12
Hotels: 39
Total: 415
Unaccompanied: 89

2016-2017
Shelters: 47
Doubled Up: 202
Unsheltered: 10
Hotels: 21
Total: 280
Unaccompanied: 18

2017-2018
Shelters: 13
Doubled Up: 166
Unsheltered: 8
Hotels: 33
Total: 220
Unaccompanied: 35
(As of May 2018)

McKinney-Vento Educational Rights Information for Parents

[Vaya aquí para la información en español.](#)

When a student is identified as eligible for services, s/he has the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended, if you or a guardian requests such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- **Parents, when you move, you should do the following:**
- Contact your child's school social worker or the Youth in Transition Coordinator for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school.
- Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask your child's school social worker or Youth in Transition Coordinator, a shelter provider, or another charitable organization for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

For Additional Information Concerning McKinney-Vento Rights and Services:

North Carolina Homeless Education Program <http://center.serve.org/hepnc/about.php>
National Center on Homeless Education <http://center.serve.org/nche/index.php>
National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth <http://http://naehcy.org/>
School House Connection <https://www.schoolhouseconnection.org/>

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Federal Program Monitoring and Support Services Division with NCDPI
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