



Homelessness Assistance Policy

PLA works to help provide services to scholars and families experiencing homelessness in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act.

The McKinney-Vento Act protects scholars from discrimination based on their lack of a permanent residence. Homeless scholars are those who lack a fixed, regular, adequate nighttime residence. This includes scholars who are sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason; are living in motels/ hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals.

Scholars experiencing homelessness are eligible to receive a variety of services including:

- Immediate enrollment (even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.)
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school helps gather needed documents
- Transportation Services to and from the school of origin (if requested)
- Free meals under the school nutrition programs
- Limited English Proficiency Classes
- Gifted and Talented Programs
- Special Education Services

For questions regarding the McKinney-Vento Act or available resources please contact the school and speak with the local McKinney-Vento Liaison or social worker.

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Additional Resources

[Educational Rights of Parents & Students Experiencing Homelessness](#)
[NCHE - National Center for Homeless Education](#)
[Homeless and Homelessness Prevention Services](#)
[Coalition for the Homeless](#)

Assistance Documents

[MKV Housing Questionnaire](#)
[MKV Notification of Eligible Services](#)
[MKV Dispute Resolution Policy](#)
[MKV Dispute Resolution Appeal Form](#)