

# McKinney-Vento Act

Homeless Students in Greenwood School  
District 50  
2012

# Federal Law

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- The McKinney-Vento Act, a federal law, passed in 1987 helps homeless children and youth go to school.

# Students May Be Considered Homeless if they are:

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- Living with a friend, relative or someone else because they lost a home;
- Staying in a motel or hotel;
- Living in an emergency or domestic violence shelter;
- Staying in substandard housing;
- Living in a car, park, abandoned building or public place

# Signs That a Student May Be Homeless

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- A history of attending many schools
- Erratic class attendance and tardiness
- Mention of staying with grandparents, other relatives, or friends or in a motel
- Hunger and the hoarding of food
- Hostility and anger
- Needy or withdrawn behavior
- Poor hygiene and grooming
- Lack of preparation for class

# Signs continued

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- Inadequate clothing or clothing inappropriate for the weather
- Sleeping in class

# Benefits For Qualifying Students

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- Remain in their **School Of Origin** – School of origin is defined as the school the student attended when permanently housed, or the school in which the student was last enrolled.
- **Immediate enrollment** without documentation
- **Transportation** to and from school or origin

# What Can You Do?

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- If you suspect a student may be homeless please contact your school's Student Support Facilitator or Glennis Cannon at 941-5484. We can help the student with school supplies, clothing, free and reduced lunch application, transportation, and other items needed for school. All referrals are confidential.

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