

Homeless Students in Greenwood School District 50
2014/2015

MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

Federal Law

- 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:

- ⦿ 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

- 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- Needy or withdrawn behavior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

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

Benefits For Qualifying Students

- ⦿ 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?

- 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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