

McKinney-Vento Act

Homeless Students in Greenwood
School District 50
2015/2016

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- Needy or withdrawn behavior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. 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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