

WHO IS HOMELESS UNDER THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT?

A: The law says that any child or youth without a fixed, regular, and adequate residence is homeless. It makes no difference how long the child or youth has been without a home, or if the child or youth is living with a parent or is separated from parents. Under the Act, students are homeless if they are:

- Living with a friend, relative, or someone else because they lost their home or can't afford a home;
- Staying in a motel or hotel;
- Living in an emergent or transitional shelter or a domestic violence shelter;
- Staying in substandard housing;
- Living in a car, park, public place, abandoned building, or bus or train station;
- Awaiting foster care placement;
- Living in a campground or an inadequate trailer home;
- Abandoned in a hospital; or
- Living in a runaway or homeless youth shelter.

Migrant children and youth on their own are homeless if they fit into one of these categories. Runaway youth can be considered homeless even if their families want them to come home. Students who live in any public or private place that is not supposed to be a regular residence are homeless.

If someone is one of the above then you should:

ENROLLMENT- The school shall immediately enroll the homeless child or youth, even if the child or youth is unable to produce records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.

(ii) The enrolling school shall immediately contact the school last attended by the child or youth to obtain relevant academic and other records.

(iii) If the child or youth needs to obtain immunizations, or immunization or medical records, the enrolling school shall assist in obtaining necessary immunizations, or immunization or medical records.

(iiii) Code this child as homeless in SASI

RECORDS- Any record ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization or medical records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, and evaluations for special services or programs, regarding each homeless child or youth shall be maintained —

(i) so that the records are available, in a timely fashion, when a child or youth enters a new school or school district

