

Who is Homeless?

According to the [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](#) (a part of the *Every Child Succeeds Act*), it's anyone who has lost housing and now lives in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camping ground or temporary trailer; on the street; doubled-up with family or friends; or in another type of temporary or inadequate housing.

What rights do eligible children and youth have under the McKinney-Vento Act?

- go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- attend either the local school or the school of origin, whatever is in the best interest of the child; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- receive transportation to and from the school or origin.
- enroll in school immediately, even if they are missing records and documents normally required for enrollment, such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records or immunization/medical records.
- have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students, including transportation and supplemental educational services.
- attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; a school may not segregate a student because he or she is homeless.

If you or someone you know is affected by homelessness, please don't hesitate to contact Mr. Van Dyne at bvandyne@loonlakeschool.org or 233-2212 to see how we can help.