

# Title X: Homeless Education

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The Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act states that children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence are considered homeless. The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, state educational agencies must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including public preschool education, as other children and youth.

## *Who is homeless?*

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If any of the following choices apply to you and your family, your child could be eligible for homeless services.

### **Where does the student stay at night?**

- In a shelter?
- In a home with family or friends because we do not have a place of our own?
- In a car, campground, or park?
- In a hotel or motel?
- With a guardian while awaiting foster care placement?
- Somewhere other than in the care or custody of a parent or guardian?
- In a place that is not meant for people, like an abandoned building or shed?

## *You have rights...*

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If your family has lost their home due to a natural disaster, fire, foreclosure, or other economic distress please complete a new residency questionnaire (link below) and return it to your school guidance counselor. You have certain rights, such as:

- Immediate or continued enrollment in school
- Free transportation to school of origin
- Automatic enrollment in the Free Lunch Program
  - (Dixie Schools are all free lunch under Provision 2)
- Academic services for your child based on need
- Replacement assistance for school supplies
- Referrals to social services for additional services