

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance - Advisories

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (McKinney-Vento Act) ensures that homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education available to other children and youth. McKinney-Vento Act regulations include provisions for homeless children and youth to receive transportation to and from school, to receive meals, and to receive services to help them succeed in school. The McKinney-Vento Act mandates a coordinated system of services for homeless children and youth, including liaison positions in each school district to serve as advocates for the rights of homeless children and youth. The McKinney-Vento Act also defines homelessness.

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II. Homeless Education Liaison – Role and Responsibilities

The liaison homedelocal office be a coordinator for the federal programs and be able to coordinate the following duties as described in the McKinney-Vento Act and ensure the following:

homeless children identified by school personnel and through coordination with local homeless agencies

homeless children enrolled and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in school and to meet the same challenging academic standards as other children and receive educational services for which they are eligible

homeless families children and youth have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible including Head Start, Early Head Start, and school programs administered by the local educational agency

homeless families children and youth receive information and referrals for health care, dental, and mental health services

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III. School Placement, Transportation, and Enrollment

Homeless children have the right to remain enrolled in their school of origin and receive transportation to a nearby immediate school if they are unable to attend their home school.

School Placement

School placement decisions shall be based on the best interest of the homeless children.

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This form is to be completed by a school district to indicate the school placement

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Liaison Name

Phone

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Until the Commission of Elementary and Secondary Education considers the Commission's designation
make a final decision regarding the allocation of funds to be allocated to each school
elected school and the school district will consider an option and the school choice
You may choose either to remain or to leave the school for the purpose of this decision.

An appeal form is attached.

You may seek hearing if you believe your child has been denied an opportunity to attend

You may contact

ESE Homeless Education Coordinator

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Email laureback.doe@mail.ed.gov

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