

Preston Public Schools

LEA Requirements in the McKinney- Vento Act

Homeless Liaison

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Local educational agencies (LEAs or school districts) are instrumental in ensuring that the rights and services guaranteed in the McKinney-Vento Act are implemented throughout the school district. All LEAs must follow the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Act, whether or not they have a McKinney-Vento subgrant.

Homeless Liaison Duties and Requirements

- ✓ Ensure that children and youth experiencing homelessness are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies.
- ✓ Ensure that children and youth experiencing homelessness are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools within the district.
- ✓ Ensure that children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness have access to and receive educational services for which they are eligible.
- ✓ Ensure that children, youth, and families experiencing homelessness receive referrals to healthcare, dental, mental health, substance abuse, housing, and other appropriate services.
- ✓ Ensure that the parents or guardians of students experiencing homelessness are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children, and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.
- ✓ Ensure that public notice of the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness is disseminated in locations frequented by families and youth experiencing homelessness including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth.
- ✓ Ensure that enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with the provisions of the Act.
- ✓ Ensure that parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness are fully informed of all transportation services available to McKinney-Vento students, including transportation to the school of origin, and are assisted in accessing transportation.

- ✓ Ensure that school personnel providing services to students experiencing homelessness receive professional development and other support.
- ✓ Ensure that unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school; have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as other children and youth; and are informed of their status as independent students under the Higher Education Act of 1965, and receive assistance verifying this status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ✓ Local liaisons must coordinate and collaborate with State Coordinators and community and school personnel responsible for the provision of education and related services to students experiencing homelessness. This coordination must include collecting and providing the State Coordinator with reliable, valid, and comprehensive data on students experiencing homelessness per the requirements of the Act [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6)(C)].