

Supporting Homeless Students: Understanding McKinney-Vento; Resources for Educators

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<p><u>McKinney-Vento Act</u> <i>(Federal Law)</i></p>	<p>States that children and youth who lack “a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence” will be considered homeless.</p> <p>Established in 1987 and reauthorized in 2016 as part of Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).</p>	<p><u>National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)</u></p> <p>Provides a wealth of resources for educators, including training materials, best practices, and updates to federal and state policies.</p>
<p><u>New York State Education Law 3209</u> <i>This law mirrors the protections of the McKinney-Vento Act but also requires that school districts ensure homeless students have access to appropriate educational services.</i></p>	<p>This law stipulates that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Schools must provide immediate enrollment of homeless students, even if they lack required documents such as proof of residency, immunization records, or guardianship information. • Homeless students have the right to remain in their school of origin (up to 50 miles) and receive transportation to and from school if needed. 	<p><u>New York State Department of Education</u></p> <p>Homeless Education Resources: Learn about the state’s laws and regulations related to homeless students. Visit: <u>NYSED Homeless Education</u></p>
<p><u>New York State Commissioner’s Regulations 100.2(x)</u> <i>These regulations establish the specific responsibilities of school districts in relation to homeless students and their families.</i></p>	<p>This regulation requires that all local educational agencies (LEAs), which include school districts, charter schools, and BOCES, must review and revise policies to improve the identification, enrollment, attendance, and success in schools of students in temporary housing.</p>	<p><u>LEA Policy on the Education of Students in Temporary Housing</u></p> <p><u>NYSED Sample Local Educational Agency (“LEA”) Policy on the Education of Students in Temporary Housing</u></p>

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<p>The McKinney-Vento Act requires every LEA, including BOCES and charter schools to designate a local liaison.</p> <p><i>Liaisons assist families and district staff with the identification and enrollment of students experiencing temporary housing.</i></p>	<p>Liaisons are required to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify students who may be experiencing homelessness and referring them to the appropriate support services. • Support homeless student academic success by ensuring that homeless students have access to the same opportunities as other students, including transportation and meals. • Collaborate with other community partners to provide wraparound support for students. 	<p>Are you looking for the name of the Homeless Liaison in your school district? Find a Homeless Liaison Contact</p> <p>NCHE Brief: Local Homeless Education Liaisons: Understanding Their Role</p>
<p><u>NYS TEACHS</u> New York State Technical and Education Assistance Center for Homeless Students</p>	<p>Can Provide Required Outreach Materials</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Order posters and brochures or view online PDFs, free of charge • Posters are available in 10 languages: English, Arabic, Bengali, Chinese, French, Haitian-Creole, Korean, Russian, Spanish, Urdu 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Helpline: For guidance on supporting homeless students, you can contact the NYS TEACHS Helpline at 1-800-388-2014. • Website: For resources and additional support, visit www.nysteachs.org.
<p>NYSED Field Memo: District-Administered Pre-K Programs for Children in Temporary Housing</p>	<p>This field memo provides guidance on the inclusion of children in temporary housing in district-administered Pre-K programs. It ensures that these children have access to early childhood education and supports their educational stability.</p>	<p>NYSED Field Memo on Pre-K Programs for Children in Temporary Housing</p>