

Annual Notice
The McKinney-Vento Act:
The Basics

If you lost your housing and now live 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, your child might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

Educational Rights

- 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, if this is in their best interest; 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 of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment, such as a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers 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 cannot segregate a student because he or she is homeless.

Available Transportation

- Students will be provided transportation by the School District of Cowgill R-VI transportation services.
- If this is not feasible because of the temporary placement, arrangements will be made by the district.

Fees

- Students will be eligible for free lunch under the regular school lunch program. Extra charges (e.g. Ala Carte) are not considered the regular school lunch program.
- Students will not be charged fees that would cause a barrier to the student's education

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