

McKinney-Vento Act

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The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was passed to help people experiencing homelessness. The federal law includes the Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program that entitles children who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence to a free, appropriate education and requires schools to remove barriers to their enrollment, attendance and success in school. The McKinney-Vento Program meets the needs of enrolled homeless students attending East Wake Academy by addressing academic challenges and family issues affecting their success in school. Example living situations that may qualify include, but are not limited to:

- Living with a friend, relative or other person/family because of a loss of housing
- Staying in a motel or hotel because of a loss of housing or fleeing domestic violence
- Living in an emergency shelter, transitional housing or domestic violence shelter
- Living in a car, park or public place, abandoned building or bus station
- Living temporarily in substandard housing
- Living in a campground or an inadequate trailer home
- Living in a runaway or homeless youth shelter; run away youth
- Youth living on their own, even if their families want them to come home

Requesting Services

Services provided include enrollment, nutrition and academic support. McKinney-Vento services are provided for the duration of a school year and do not automatically renew. The McKinney-Vento liaison assesses for eligibility. To obtain more information about services provided and how to access services, please contact the Middle Academy Counselor, Ashley Dombroski.

Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the NC Homeless Education Program.

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