

McKinney-Vento: Children and youths in transition

Children and youth living the following situations may be considered to be living in transition:

- In a shelter
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation
- In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Eligible students have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there;
- Stay in the school that they were attending before being in transition, the school they last attended, or the local enrollment school if that is their choice and it is in the best interest of the child;
- Enroll in school immediately, even if they do not have all the paperwork, such as school or medical records or any other documentation required by the school district to enroll;
- Unaccompanied youths must be accorded specific protections, including immediate enrollment in school without proof of guardianship;
- Be provided transportation to or from the child's school of origin;
- Access the same special programs and services that are provided to other children, including special education, migrant education and vocational education;
- Receive the same public education that is provided to other children, including preschool where applicable. (Your child cannot be separated from the mainstream school environment because they are in transition. They cannot be segregated in a separate school, separate programs within a school, or separate settings within a school);
- Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youths have the right to dispute an eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decisions.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison or building principal to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.

Local Liaison: Owen St.Clair, Principal
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If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education at 1-800-308-2145, homeless@serve.org or at www.serve.org/nche.edu.wyoming.gov/homeless