

Homeless Education Assistance Program

The goal of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is to ensure that each homeless child or youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education. To the extent practical and as required by law, the district will work with homeless students and their families to provide stability in school attendance and other services.

The term "homeless children and youth" are individuals who lack fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence or have a primary nighttime residence in a supervised, publicly or privately, operated shelter for temporary accommodations or public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.

"The Fall River Public Schools offers all programs, activities, and employment opportunities without regard to race, color, sex, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, and disability."



Together, we can ensure that all children will be able to achieve at their highest levels despite whatever circumstances they may have endured.

Individuals who are eligible to receive these services include children and youth who:

- Do not have a permanent home
- Living in shelters/transitional housing
- Live in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds
- Are in temporary state care or custody
- Live in cars, parks, public places, abandoned buildings, or similar settings
- Share housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- Are considered an unaccompanied youth (youth not in physical custody of a parent or guardian)



Our goal is to ensure that all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided to other children and youth.

The Fall River Public Schools Assists with:

- Transportation to and from school, social service providers, medical and dental appointments, housing offices and other appropriate agencies
- Mental health services including counseling and evaluation
- Assistance in obtaining health insurance
- Providing basic school supplies and personal hygiene supplies
- Tutoring after school
- Professional development for school staff, human service agencies and the community
- Educational opportunities for parents

If you are aware of any homeless students in your school who need services, please contact your school principal.



To learn more about the
McKinney-Vento Act
Advisories, please visit the
Department of Education
Website at:

[http://www.doe.mass.edu/hssss/
program/homeless.html](http://www.doe.mass.edu/hssss/program/homeless.html)

Also available in print at the Parent
Information Center.

**Homeless advisories available
include information on:**

- Enrollment of homeless students and school records
- School selection and transportation requirements
- Access to child nutrition programs
- Title I Academic Services
- Serving homeless preschool students
- Unaccompanied youth
- Children and youth in state care/ custody
- Education dispute resolution process



Providing opportunities to succeed must be reinforced by a classroom environment that supports the student's success.

For Further Information:

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