



Tips for Parents

- Make sure your child...
 - Arrives at school on time every day.
 - Children who miss school miss out on important learning activities.
 - Gets 8-10 hours of sleep every day.
 - Children who are well rested learn more.
 - Is read to each day. Reading is the key to success in school. Talk to your child's teacher or school librarian about books you can read together.

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Talk to your child's teacher. The more a teacher knows about your child the more they can help them succeed.

Get involved in your child's education. Your child's teacher and school can talk with you about how to become an active part of the school community.

If your living situation lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate accommodation, the McKinney-Vento Education Act may benefit you and your child.

A Fixed Residence is one that is stationary, permanent and not subject to change

A Regular Residence is one that is used on a regular nightly basis

An Adequate Residence is sufficient for meeting both the physical and psychological needs typically met in home environments.

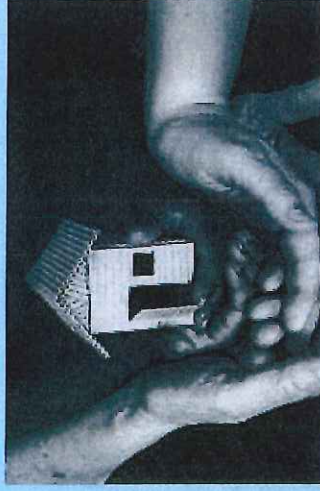


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Title I Office at (219) 933-2514**

Do you.....

- Move a lot?
- Live in a motel or shelter?
- Live with friends or relatives?
- Live in a vehicle or campground?

Let us help your family through this challenging time.



School City of Hammond
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District support and services for families in temporary or inadequate housing, and for students living alone or not in the care of their parent or guardian.



McKinney-Vento Act
Ensures Educational Rights and
Protection for Youth and Children
Experiencing Homelessness.

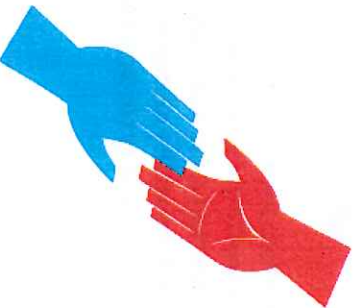
Your Child's Rights

**Homeless Children Have the
Right to:**

Who is considered Homeless?

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are:
- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason.
 - Living in motels, hotels, cars, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, campgrounds or similar settings due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters
 - Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above
 - Unaccompanied youth, including and youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian, such as runaways, or youth denied housing by their families.

- ✔ Free and appropriate education.
- ✔ Attend and enroll immediately even if unable to provide records required for enrollment.
- ✔ Enroll or remain in school without a permanent address.
- ✔ Stay in school of origin (to the extent feasible).
- ✔ Go to school where child last attended or school where temporarily living.
- ✔ Participate in extracurricular activities and/or special education services if eligible.
- ✔ Written explanation and appeal if educational placement is denied.
- ✔ Automatically qualify for free and reduced meals at school.



Children who stay in school grow into successful, happy, productive grown ups. We want to make sure your kids get that chance.

McKinney-Vento eligible students can receive an education in either the district in which they are currently living or in their school of origin. School of origin is the school a student attended before becoming displaced from their housing.

Mission...

The mission of McKinney-Vento Youth Services is to facilitate the enrollment, attendance, and success of McKinney-Vento identified homeless students enrolled in the School City of Hammond.

