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.

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
McKinney-Vento

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.

For information, please call Debbie DiAnni
McKinney-Vento Liaison office at
(219) 933-2400 ext. 1065
or the School City of Hammond
Title I Office at (219) 933-2514
The mission of McKinney-Vento is to facilitate the education of homeless students enrolled in the school city of Hammond. Homeless students are entitled to a quality education free and reduced meals at school, automatic priority for enrollment, and attendance, and written explanation and appeal if school placement is denied. Educational placement is determined and special education services are eligible. Participation in extracurricular activities is allowed, and transfer to school of origin is allowed (to the extent feasible). Stay in school of origin (to the extent permanent address). Enrollment or reenrollment in school without a to provide records required for enrollment. Attendance and enrollment immediately even if unable to attend. Free and appropriate education. Right to: 

Homeless Children Have the Right: 

Your Child’s Rights 

- Education is not in the physical custody of a parent 
- Unaccompanied youth, including and described above 
- Less because they are living in circumstances 
- Migration children who qualify as home 
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters 
- Accommodations settings due to lack of temporary adequate bus or train stations, camps, or similar abandoned buildings, shelters, or other public spaces. 
- Living in motels, hotels, cars, public spaces, similar reasons 
- To loss of housing, economic hardship of a non FAMILY, included children and youth 
- Child and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth 
- McKinney-Vento Act