

McKinney - Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Circle of Seasons Charter School is committed to providing school stability and supports for students who may be experiencing barriers to school enrollment, attendance and participation due to the lack of a permanent residence.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines the term “homeless children and youths” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Students in homeless situations have the right to:

- Be identified as homeless and receive Title I services and other supports to ensure their academic success.
- Be immediately enrolled in school despite their unstable housing situation and despite their inability to produce documents ordinarily required of students who have a permanent residence.
- Receive assistance in procuring school records.
- Be allowed to stay in the school they attended when they became homeless or the school in which they were last enrolled (called school of origin).
- Be transported from their current place of residence to the school of origin to reduce the need for them to transfer from school to school.
- Receive free school nutrition.
- Receive referrals to medical, mental health, dental, and other appropriate services.
- Receive assistance in acquiring school supplies, standard dress or uniforms, backpacks, and other provisions needed to succeed in school.

Temporary living situations may include: Sharing housing with friends or relatives due to the loss of housing, public or private shelters, public or private spaces such as motels, campgrounds, vehicle, parks, etc., transitional housing programs, migrant children, runaway youth or abandonment.

If you have questions about the McKinney - Vento Homeless Assistance Act entitlements or need assistance, please contact Jill Jenkins, Homeless Liaison, at 610-285-6267. For additional information about federal protections for homeless youth - [PDE Homeless Youth Basic Education Circular](#)