

McKinney-Vento Program Information
Children and Youth in Transition Situations (Homeless)
Lincoln County School District #2

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If you or someone you know is experiencing a transitional living situation as defined below per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, please contact the district homeless liaison or your child's/ren's school to inquire about qualification for services and supports under the act.

For a full description of our policy and procedures specific to McKinney - Ventos:

[Policy JLG](#) "Students in Transition (McKinney Vento)"

[Procedure JLG - R](#)

A student and their family may be considered "in transition":

- Lacking adequate shelter
- "Doubled Up" or sharing the housing of others
- Living in a motel, hotel, trailer park, camping ground
- Living in an emergency or transitional shelter
- Living in a public/private place not designed for humans to live
- Living in a car, park, or abandoned building
- Migratory children living in a listed circumstance
- Unaccompanied youth living in listed circumstances

Lincoln County School District #2 Responsibilities

Ensure that children and youth experiencing a transitional living situation are:

1. Referred to as "children and youth in transition," instead of homeless
2. Identified through coordination of activities within the district and community.
3. Enrolled in school.
 - a. able to fully access and participate in all educational and extra-curricular school opportunities.
4. Access and receive educational services for early intervention services through school district-administered preschool programs.
5. Provided with referrals to health care, dental, mental health, substance abuse, housing, and other appropriate services.

Additional duties include:

1. Informing parents/guardians of educational and related opportunities available to their child/ren.
2. Posting public notice of educational rights of students experiencing a transitional living situation in locations frequented by families and youth. This may include schools, shelters, public libraries, soup kitchens, etc.
3. Mediating enrollment disputes when necessary.
4. Informing parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth of all transportation services. This includes transportation to the school of origin.
5. Providing professional development and other support to all school personnel.
6. Ensuring unaccompanied youth are enrolled in school, have opportunities to meet state academic standards as other children and youth, are informed of independent students under the Higher Education Act, and receive assistance verifying this status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

For more information about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act please see the following resources:

The McKinney Vento Act Quick Reference Guide

English

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/The-McKinney-Vento-Act-Quick-Reference.pdf>

Spanish

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/The-McKinney-Vento-Act-Quick-Reference-Spanish.pdf>

Wyoming Department of Education

<https://edu.wyoming.gov/for-district-leadership/federal-programs/homeless-ed/>

The National Center for Homeless Education

<https://nche.ed.gov/>

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

<https://nche.ed.gov/>

SchoolHouse Connections

<https://schoolhouseconnection.org/>