

West County Resource List

9. Who should you contact if you have a student that you believe is eligible for McKinney-Vento?

The West Contra Costa Unified School District “Families In Transition” office provides support for McKinney-Vento eligible children and youth who attend WCCUSD schools. Identifying homeless children and youth is a critical step in ensuring that they receive appropriate services and support. The Families In Transition office provides homeless youth with the following services:

- Transportation Assistance
- School Supplies
- Assistance With School Enrollment
- Referrals To Community Agencies

For More Information on McKinney-Vento or to refer a student, please contact:

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Homeless Education Liaison

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24 Hour Hotlines

24 Hour Crisis Line
(800) 833-2900

California Youth Crisis Line
(800) 843-5200

Runaway & Homeless Youth Line/Safe Place
(800) 718-4357

Stand! Again Domestic Violence
(888) 215-5555

Community Violence Solutions: West County
(510) 236-7273

Health Services

Lifelong Medical Care, San Pablo
510-215-9092

West County Child & Adolescent Mental
Health Services
(888) 678- 7277

Food & Clothing

Greater Richmond Inter-Faith Program (GRIP)
(510) 233-2141

Bay Area Rescue Mission (Food Pantry)
(51) 215-4887

Greater Lutheran Church
(510) 235-9732

Emergency Housing

Homeless Referral Hotline
(800) 808-6444

Bay Area Rescue Mission (Family Center)
(510) 215-4860

Greater Richmond Inter-Faith Program-Family Housing
(510) 233-2141

Calli House (Youth Ages 14-17)
(800) 610-9400

Legal Support

Bay Area Legal Aid
(510) 250-5270

Catholic Charities of the East Bay (Unaccompanied
Youth)
(510) 234-5100

Families

In Transition

Educational Rights, Resources &

Frequently Asked Questions

for

McKinney-Vento

Eligible Students



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1. What is McKinney-Vento?

The McKinney-Vento Federal Homeless Assistance Act is the primary legislation that defines the educational rights of children and youth who lack permanent housing.

2. Who is eligible for McKinney-Vento services?

Students are eligible for McKinney-Vento services if:

- they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence;
- are “doubled-up,” temporarily living with friends or relatives due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- live in a shelter, transitional housing, motel, vehicle or campground;
- are “unaccompanied youth,” children and youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian
- are runaway youth

3. What are the services available to McKinney-Vento students?

Students who are McKinney-Vento eligible can:

- Enroll in school without having to show proof of residence or other documents (Bulletin S-13)
- receive transportation assistance (AC Transit, WestCat, BART passes)
- Receive school supplies, referrals, and other items to support their educational needs

4. Where can McKinney-Vento eligible students enroll?

McKinney-Vento students have two enrollment options:

- Students have the right to remain enrolled in their “school of origin” even if they no longer reside in the school’s attendance area. By federal and state definition, the “school of origin” is the school the child or youth attended when permanently housed, or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- Students can enroll in the school in which other children who live in the same area are eligible to attend. In most cases, the address that the student is temporarily housed in is used to determine their school of residence.

5. What documents are McKinney-Vento students required to submit to enroll in school?

McKinney-Vento eligible students can enroll in school without having to show proof of residency or other documents such as an immunization card. However, students who are seeking protection and services under McKinney-Vento must complete a *WCCUSD FIT Affidavit* when enrolling their child in school. Like an emergency card, the *WCCUSD FIT Affidavit* must be updated on a yearly basis to ensure that the student is still McKinney-Vento eligible.

6. Can students use McKinney-Vento eligibility to transfer to a school outside of the attendance area in which they are currently residing?

No. McKinney-Vento students must complete a transfer application and submit it to the Transfer Office. In the meantime, McKinney-Vento students must attend the school in which they are currently enrolled. McKinney-Vento does not give students any special preferences when submitting a transfer application.

7. Which students qualify for transportation assistance?

Students who reside a mile or more from their school are eligible for transportation assistance under McKinney-Vento. Transportation assistance is provided to McKinney-Vento eligible students until the end of their current school term. Students must submit a completed *WCCUSD FIT Affidavit* to determine eligibility at the start of the new school year.

8. Can parents receive transportation assistance under McKinney-Vento?

McKinney-Vento does not specifically require the provision of transportation assistance to parents. However, the Families In Transition office will provide transportation to one parent if they have a child in grade 3 or below and if they reside a mile or more away from their child’s school.