

LEA Responsibilities According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

All LEAs are required to do the following for homeless children and youth regardless of whether or not they receive a grant to provide special services:

- Provide access to educational and other services for homeless children and youth so they have the opportunity to meet the same challenging State student performance standards to which all students are held.
- Determine the particular school that is in the best interest of a child to attend and strive to eliminate barriers, including transportation barriers, to the enrollment and retention of the child in that school.
- Ensure that all homeless children and youth receive free meals and textbooks.
- Coordinate with local social services agencies and other agencies or programs providing services to homeless children or youth and their families, including those funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act.
- Review and revise any policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children and youth in the school determined to be in their best interest including transportation, immunization, residency, birth certificates, school records and other documentation, and guardianship.
- Pay special attention to ensuring the enrollment and attendance of homeless children and youth that are not currently attending school.
- Coordinate with state and local housing agencies responsible for developing the comprehensive housing affordability strategy to minimize educational disruption for children who become homeless.
- Ensure that services provided by funds from this grant shall not replace the regular academic program and shall be designed to expand upon or improve services provided as part of the school's regular academic program.