



What's Up Your Sleeve?

The Ins and Outs of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

If your last name begins with H-M

McKinney-Vento to the Rescue!

- 1) Consult the definition of homeless and unaccompanied in the McKinney-Vento Act. 42 U.S.C. §11434a.
- 2) The McKinney-Vento Act requires immediate enrollment of homeless children and youth. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C). "Enrollment" is specifically defined to include participating fully in school activities. 42 U.S.C. §11434a.
- 3) The McKinney-Vento Act requires states to have procedures to ensure MV students who meet the relevant eligibility criteria (such as academic standards and skill level) do not face barriers to accessing extracurricular activities 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(F)(iii).
- 4) The McKinney-Vento Act requires states and districts to remove barriers to identification, enrollment, and retention in school. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(I).
- 5) McKinney-Vento liaisons have the legal authority and responsibility to determine eligibility. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)(i).
- 6) The Department of Education has determined that to the extent that lack of access to transportation is a barrier to extracurricular activities, LEAs are required to provide transportation to and from extracurricular activities (ED Guidance J11).
- 7) The McKinney-Vento Act requires states to have procedures to identify and remove barriers that prevent McKinney-Vento students from receiving appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(F)(ii).
- 8) The Higher Education Act gives McKinney-Vento liaisons the authority to verify homelessness for the purpose of financial aid. 20 USC 1087vv(d)(1)(H).

Phone a Friend

- 1) I've talked with that guy at the state activity association a few times over the years.
- 2) That school nurse supervisor really gets McKinney-Vento.
- 3) I've worked with a local family mediation program to convince parents to provide basic support and documents to youth.
- 4) One of our assistant superintendents attended a student panel I arranged two years ago and listened to students talk about the causes and impacts of their homelessness.
- 5) I always run into my district's dropout prevention specialist at Starbuck's.
- 6) That one person at the SNAP office is always nice to the youth I send over.

- 7) For the last couple of years, I've been having lunch three times a year with the Financial Aid Administrator at the college in my town.