

When Assessing a Homeless Student
Consider the Following:

- Current residence
- Permanent or temporary housing
- Safety
- Regular attendance at school
- Transportation needs
- Basic needs such as food, clothing and school supplies
- Health related needs such as eye glasses, medication, dental care, or similar
- Counseling services
- Academic achievement
- Before school, after school and/or summer programs
- Special education



Important Phone Contacts

Five Loaves Food & Clothing Center– New Richmond: 715-247-2944

Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley: 715-684-4440

Operation HELP(emergency assistance): 715-386-0881

Somerset Area Food Pantry: 715-247-2944

St. Croix County Department of Health and Human Services: 715-246-8263

WestCAP (emergency assistance): 800-606-9227

Grace Place/Salvation Army: 715-247-2944

WI Department of Public Instruction
Coordinator– Education for Homeless
Children & Youth Program
Lara Kain 608-261-7338

If you need further assistance,
Call the National Center for Homeless Education at the
toll-free HelpLine:
1-800-308-2145

District Contact:
Joan Simpson 243-7424

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What Staff
Needs To Know



Regarding Homeless
Students

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, provides certain rights and protections for families experiencing homelessness. According to McKinney-Vento, anyone who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate night-time residence is homeless.

Homelessness Includes Anyone:

- Living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing.
- Abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care placement.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations or similar settings.
- “Doubled up” living with friends or family due to the loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason.
- An “unaccompanied youth”, under the age of 18, living without a parent or guardian.
- Migratory children living in these conditions.



Homeless children have the right to:

- Attend school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there. You do not need a permanent address to enroll in school.
- Not be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Enroll and attend classes in the parents’ school of choice even while the school and parents seek to resolve a dispute over enrollment.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless, if that is the parents’ choice and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to and from the school the child last attended prior to becoming homeless, if the parent/guardian requests it.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- Participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state or local programs for which he/she is eligible.

School Services Offered:

(some program criteria apply)

- Free school meals
- Free transportation services
- Free school supplies
- Special education programs if the student has previously received special education services
- Tutoring programs
- Title I services
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or Talented programs
- 4 year-old Kindergarten
- Student Success Team
- Vouchers for health services
- Summer Stretch
- Resources and Referrals



Notification

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Homeless Education Liaison
Joan Simpson 715-243-7424

If you know or suspect a student is homeless, notify the School District of New Richmond Homeless Liaison.