



McKinney-Vento Parent-Student Rights

Idaho public schools provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every student experiencing a transition in housing shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not experiencing a transition in housing. This commitment to the educational rights of children, youth, and unaccompanied youth applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

Understanding Your Student's Rights

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ensures that children and youth experiencing homelessness have access to a free and appropriate public education. Here are some key rights under this act:

1. **Immediate Enrollment:** Your child has the right to enroll in school immediately, even if you lack the necessary documents such as proof of residency, immunization records, or school records.
2. **School Stability:** Your child has the right to remain in their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled) if it is in their best interest.
3. **Transportation:** Your child has the right to receive transportation to and from their school of origin.
4. **Access to Services:** Your child has the right to receive the same educational services and programs as other students, including special education, gifted and talented programs, and school meals.
5. **Dispute Resolution:** If you disagree with the school's decisions regarding your child's eligibility, school selection, or enrollment, you have the right to dispute the decision, and your child must be enrolled in the school you choose while the dispute is being resolved.

How a Student Qualifies for McKinney-Vento Status

A student qualifies for McKinney-Vento status if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes children and youth who are:

- **Sharing housing** due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- **Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds** due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- **Living in emergency or transitional shelters.**
- **Abandoned in hospitals.**
- **Living in a public or private place** not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- **Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations,** or similar settings.



Community Resource Guide

- Findhelp.org- Directory for assistance with clothing, transportation, food, diapers, health, etc
- Idaho Regional Access Points for Families Experiencing Crisis: Contact someone in your region regarding immediate needs and current situation [CLICK HERE](#)
- 2-1-1 Idaho Care Line: Free statewide community information and referral service [CLICK HERE](#)

CHILDCARE

- Idaho Child Care Program [CLICK HERE](#)
- Idalink [CLICK HERE](#)
- Early Head Start & Head Start [CLICK HERE](#)

EDUCATION

Attendance Support/Truancy

- YouthRoc Support Services..... [CLICK HERE](#)
Ages 10-17 for students in Western Idaho experiencing behavioral challenges. Services are FREE.

College education/Scholarships

- College Starter Kits [CLICK HERE](#)
- Federal Student Aid FAFSA [CLICK HERE](#)
- FAFSA (Prev/Current Foster Care) [CLICK HERE](#)
- FAFSA Tips [CLICK HERE](#)
- Schoolhouse Connection Scholarship Program.... [CLICK HERE](#)

Early childhood education & support

- Early Head Start & Head Start [CLICK HERE](#)
- Infant Toddler Program [CLICK HERE](#)

Tutoring Services

- Schoolhouse.world: FREE [CLICK HERE](#)
- Learn to Be: FREE [CLICK HERE](#)
- Upcheive: FREE [CLICK HERE](#)

FOOD ASSISTANCE

- Dept of Health & Welfare SNAP/WIC..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- Feed America [CLICK HERE](#)
- Full Cart Virtual Food Bank [CLICK HERE](#)
- Idaho Foodbank Food Assistance Locator..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- Idalink Food Assistance [CLICK HERE](#)
- No Kid Hungry Free Meal Food Finder [CLICK HERE](#)
- Temporary Assistance for Families (TAFI)..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- YouthRoc Support Services [CLICK HERE](#)
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HOLIDAY ASSISTANCE

- Salvation Army Angel Tree [CLICK HERE](#)
- Shop with a Cop Programs
Check with your local police department
- IDVA Giving Tree
Applications open in OCTOBER for this program

HOUSING ASSISTANCE

- Community Services Block Grant..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- Emergency Rental Assistance [CLICK HERE](#)
- Housing Hotline .. [CLICK HERE](#)
- Housing Choice Voucher Program [CLICK HERE](#)
- IHFA: Shelters/Emergency Help..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- Income Based Housing [CLICK HERE](#)
- Section 8 Housing Voucher [CLICK HERE](#)
- Subsidized Housing Search [CLICK HERE](#)

INTERNET/PHONE ASSISTANCE

- Assurance Wireless [CLICK HERE](#)
Provides free smartphones and unlimited talk/text for eligible users, through the Lifelines Assistance Program
- AT&T Assurance Wireless \$20/month [CLICK HERE](#)
- Cox Connect \$10/month..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- Google Gigabit \$0/month [CLICK HERE](#)
- IDVA Internet Subsidy Program [CLICK HERE](#)
This application opens in October, and it provides a \$30/month reimbursement to eligible families.
- Life Wireless: Free..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- Lifeline Support Low Cost [CLICK HERE](#)
- PC's for People: Internet for \$15/month [CLICK HERE](#)
- Team Mobile FREE INTERNET [CLICK HERE](#)
- Xfinity Internet: Internet for \$15/month [CLICK HERE](#)
- Xtream Connect \$14/month..... [CLICK HERE](#)

THERAPIES/MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

- Infant Toddler Program..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- People with Disabilities..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- Medicaid Application [CLICK HERE](#)
- Behavioral Health Services [CLICK HERE](#)
- WRAPAROUND BPA Health [CLICK HERE](#)
- YouthRoc Support Services [CLICK HERE](#)
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UTILITY ASSISTANCE

- Heating/Telephone Assistance [CLICK HERE](#)

CAREER ASSISTANCE

- Dept of Labor Job Seekers [CLICK HERE](#)
- Equus Idaho Workforce Solutions [CLICK HERE](#)
- Idaho Career Centers [CLICK HERE](#)
- Idaho Works [CLICK HERE](#)
- Reentry Assistance..... [CLICK HERE](#)
- St. Vincent Reentry Assistance [CLICK HERE](#)