



McKinney-Vento Homeless

Education Assistance Act

Southampton County Public Schools

Courtland, Virginia

McKinney-Vento Act

Ensures Educational Rights and Protection for Youth and Children Experiencing Homelessness



Who is Considered Homeless?

The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who **due to a lack of permanent housing**, lives in **inadequate** or **temporary** settings, such as:

- Emergency shelters or transitional housing
- Motels, hotels, or campgrounds due to lack of an adequate alternative
- Cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings
- Doubled up with relatives or friends due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Where can homeless children and youth attend school?

The school the child attended before becoming homeless or was last enrolled in (school of origin).

The school in the attendance area where the child or youth is temporarily living.

How can delays be avoided when enrolling a homeless child or youth in school?

Homeless children must be enrolled immediately.

If school records are unavailable, ask that the records be sent electronically or share over the phone.

Ask that a student's immunization records be transferred over the phone from the sending school to the receiving school.

Contact your school district, principal, counselor, or local homeless education liaison with any concerns.

Local Homeless Education Liaison

Dr. Shonda Harris-Muhammed,
Director of Testing and Coordinator of
Pupil Personnel Email:

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(757) 653-2692; ext. 3325 (Southampton County School Board Office)

If you have questions, contact the school division's homeless education liaison or Project HOPE-Virginia.

Other Resources

Project Hope

Virginia Department of Education
The College of William and Mary-SOE
PO Box 8759

Williamsburg, VA 23187-8795

Office: (757) 221-4002

Toll Free in Virginia (877) 455-3412

homlss@wm.edu

<http://www.wm.edu/hope>

National Center for Homeless Education

<http://nche.ed.gov>