

Public Notice for Educating Homeless Students

The McKinney-Vento Act, part of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, guarantees homeless children and youths an education equal to what they would receive if not homeless.

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have :

- The right to immediate enrollment in school even if they lack the paperwork normally required for enrollment
- The right to attend school at their school of origin (if feasible and requested by the parent) or at the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing
- The right to receive transportation to the school of origin if requested by the parent
- The right to services comparable to those received by housed schoolmates including transportation and supplemental educational services
- The right to attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness. Segregation based on student's status as homeless is strictly prohibited
- The right to have their rights posted in all schools and in other places in the community

If you are homeless or need additional information, please contact Cape Girardeau Public Schools homeless coordinator, Deena Ring, at 335-1867.