



**North Adams Community Schools**  
**Notice of Rights of Homeless Students**

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is reauthorized by Title X, Part C, of the No Child Left Behind Act. This legislation ensures the educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness and provides for equal access to an appropriate education so that they may experience success in school.

**You or your family are considered “homeless” if you are:**

- Living in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground;
- Living on the street;
- Living in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodation;
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you can't find or afford housing;
- Waiting for a foster-care placement

**Students who are homeless have certain rights under Federal law, including:**

- The right to go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there;
- The right to continue in the school you were in before you became homeless;
- The right to enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records;
- The right to transportation to school, according to current district transportation guidelines;
- The right to enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school arranges for the transfer of records;
- The right to attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; segregation based on a student's status as homeless is prohibited;
- The right to enroll and attend classes without giving a permanent address;
- The right to attend the school of your choice while a dispute over your enrollment is being resolved, or, if the school district sends your child to a school other than the school of your choice, you have the right to a written explanation and the right to appeal the decision.

**For more information or to request specific support for a homeless student, contact:**

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If you believe that you meet the McKinney-Vento criteria defined above, please sign below:

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_