



OAK CREEK-FRANKLIN JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT EDUCATION OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

The McKinney-Vento Act defines children and youth who are homeless (twenty-one years of age and younger) as:

- Children and youth sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason (sometimes referred to as double-up); living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations; living emergency or transitional shelters; abandoned in hospitals; or awaiting foster care placement.
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designated for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

There shall be immediate enrollment and school participation, even if educational and medical records and proof of residency are not available. All educational opportunities and related opportunities for homeless students (preschool to age 21), including unaccompanied youth, shall be the same as for the general student population.

Enrollment and transportation rights, including transportation to the school of origin. "School of origin" is defined as the school the child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled.

Meaningful opportunities for parents to participate in the education of their children. These shall include: special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.

The local district staff person (liaison) for homeless children is Lisa Kujawa, Assistant Superintendent for Student Learning, 414-768-5884 or l.kujawa@ocfsd.org

The District will provide transportation to homeless students whose school of origin is the Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District at the time they become homeless, upon parent/guardian request, to allow them to remain in their school while homeless. The District will not provide transportation of homeless students attending preschool programs, unless through a special-education placement.

If homeless students remain living in the District, the District shall provide and pay the cost of transportation until permanent housing is found or until the end of the academic year. If the homeless students continue to be enrolled in District schools, but begin living in another school district, the Superintendent/designee shall work with the other district to come to an agreement concerning the method to be used to apportion the responsibility and cost for providing the required transportation.

When homeless students establish permanent housing within the District, transportation shall be provided if they are in their schools' attendance boundaries. If homeless students establish permanent housing outside of the District, the students may continue enrollment in the District but must provide their own transportation. Permanent housing is defined as any signed lease or long-term, approved living situation. Self-paying day-to-day in a motel is not considered permanent housing.