

**The McKinney-Vento  
Homeless Education  
Assistance Act**

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**Purpose**

- To provide students in homeless situations equal access to the same free, appropriate public education as provided to non-homeless students.

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**The  
Stewart B. McKinney  
Homeless Act**

- Public Law 100-77
- Signed July 22, 1987 by Ronald Reagan
- Title VII Part B “The Education of Homeless Children and Youth

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## ESEA

- Public Law 89-10
- Signed by Lyndon Johnson as part of his “War on Poverty” on April 9, 1965
- Reauthorized every six years
- Two most recent reauthorizations have address changes to Title VII Part B of the McKinney Act

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## IASA

- Public Law 103-382
- Signed by Bill Clinton on October 20, 1994
- Greater Flexibility with Funds
- Preschoolers Eligible
- Parent voice in student placement

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## NCLB

- Public Law 107-110
- Signed by George Bush on January 8, 2002
- Title X Part C
- Purpose – see handout
- Expanded definition for homeless children and youth – see handout
- Expanded rights and responsibilities

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## Student Rights

- Immediate enrollment and attendance
- Transportation to and from school of origin
- Automatically eligible for free meals

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## FAFSA

“College Cost Reduction and Access Act of 2007”

Easier to apply for, and receive,  
Federal Financial Aid

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## “Independent Students”

- Unaccompanied and Homeless Youth
- Unaccompanied, at risk of homelessness, and self supporting
- Foster Youth and Former Foster Youth (since age 13)

Parental income not required or used  
Parental signature not necessary

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### Verification

- Local Homeless Education Liaison
- US Dept. of HUD homeless assistance program director or designee
- Runaway and Homeless Youth Act Program Director or designee
- A Financial Aid Administrator  
Verified as unaccompanied in the academic year in which they apply for aid

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### All Districts

- Condition of Funding
- Homeless Education Liaison  
– see handout
- Dispute Resolution Process

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### Major Barriers

- Frequent Moves (school to school)
- Transportation
- Guardianship and immunization requirements

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## Major Barriers

- Student fees / expenses
- Difficulty with access to publicly funded programs such as Head Start, Even Start, and special education services.
- Lack of Awareness

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## Awareness

- Common signs that a student may be in a homeless situation
- Note: these are general guidelines, there is significant variability among the school age population

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## Lack of Continuity in Education

- Attending many different schools, or no schools
- Lack of records needed for enrollment
- Gaps in skill development

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### Poor Health / Nutrition

- Lack of immunizations (&/or records)
- Unmet medical / dental needs
- Chronic Hunger / Food Hoarding
- Fatigue / Falling asleep in class

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### Transportation and attendance problems

- Erratic attendance / tardiness
- Inability to contact parents
- Numerous Absences
- Avoidance of class field trips

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### Poor Hygiene

- Wearing same clothes for several days
- Lack of cleanliness of self / clothing

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### Not Ready for Class

- Lack of basic supplies
- Concern for safety of belongings
- Incomplete or missing homework

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### Social and Behavioral Clues

- Frequent behavior changes
- 'Old' beyond years
- Protective of parents
- Poor / short attention span
- Poor self-esteem
- Difficulty or avoidance in making friends
- Difficulty in trusting people
- Need for immediate gratification

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### Parent, Guardian, or Child Reactions

- Anger or embarrassment when asked for current address
- Mention of staying with grandparents, other relatives, friends, or motel, etcetera.. .

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**Nebraska's Program**

- Annual Competition
- Application Quality and Need
- Title I Part A Match

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**Nine Districts Funded**

- Fremont
- Grand Island
- Hastings
- Kearney
- Lincoln
- Omaha
- Papillion-LaVista
- Scottsbluff
- Lexington (new 08-09)

(see summary sheet)

- Districts that have received funding in the past (but are not currently) include:
  - North Platte
  - South Sioux City

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**Contact Information**

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### Other Resources

The National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)  
PO Box 26274  
Minneapolis, MN 55426  
Phone: (763) 545-0064  
Fax: (763) 545-9499  
Email: [info@naehcy.org](mailto:info@naehcy.org)  
Web: [www.naehcy.org](http://www.naehcy.org)

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### Other Resources

National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)  
PO Box 5367  
Greensboro, NC 27435  
Phone: (800) 308-2145  
Fax: (336) 315-7457  
Email: [homeless@serve.org](mailto:homeless@serve.org)  
Web: [www.serve.org/nche/](http://www.serve.org/nche/)

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### Other Resources

National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP)  
1411 K Street NW, Suite 1400  
Washington, DC 20005  
Phone: (202) 638-2535  
Fax: (202) 628-2737  
Email: see website to email  
Web: [www.nlchp.org](http://www.nlchp.org)

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