

Mountain Pine School District McKinney-Vento

The Mountain Pine School District provides resources to all students who qualify for McKinney-Vento services. Students who are experiencing homelessness have educational rights under federal law.

Who qualifies as “homeless”?

The McKinney-Vento Act’s definition of who qualifies as a homeless child or youth are those “*who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence*”, including, but not limited to students:

Living in a shelter

Living in a car or other vehicle

Living in a trailer park/camping because you have nowhere else to stay

“Staying” with another family because of loss of housing due to financial issues

Who are runaway youth or migratory child living in any of the above situations

What educational rights does the McKinney-Vento Act guarantee for children and youth experiencing homelessness?

Students may remain in their school of origin (the school the child/children attended when they were permanently housed or in which he/she was last enrolled).

Students must receive transportation to their school of origin by said school.

Students have a right to all of the school’s programs and services, just as any other children.

This may include special education, vocational education, school nutrition programs (school breakfast/lunch), educational field trips and tutoring.

Students and their families have access to a dispute resolution process when they disagree with a school about how the McKinney-Vento Act applies in their situation.

The Mountain Pine School District provides the resources below to Mountain Pine School District students who qualify under the McKinney-Vento Act:

Food pantry (food sent home each week and before any school break)

Clothes and shoes (see your school counselor)

Personal care items

School supplies

Referrals to resources

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