



HOMELESS INFORMATION

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act of 2001

If you or your family lives in any of these situations, you or your school-age children have certain rights or protections.

- in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground
- on the street
- in an abandoned building, trailer or other inadequate housing
- doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

You or your children have the right to:

- Go to school no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- Continue in the school attended before you became homeless OR the school you last attended, if that is your choice and it is workable for your family.
 - If a school sends your child to a building other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal that decision.
- Receive transportation to the school attended before your family became homeless OR the school you last attended, if you request such transportation.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that prevents or delays school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you try to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

Whenever you move, you should contact the school for help enrolling in a new school or for help arranging to continue in the former school.

LOCAL CONTACTS

Any Southeast Polk school building principal, guidance counselor or school nurse

Central Place Family Resource Center
8325 NE University Ave. • Pleasant Hill
515-967-7806

Dr. Kristine Condon - Homeless Liaison
Southeast Polk District Office
8379 NE University Ave. • Pleasant Hill
515-957-3407

In accordance with Chapter 33, Iowa Administrative Code, the Southeast Polk Community School District is required to give written notice to homeless children and families if the District is going to deny access to their education programs. Homeless children and families may obtain free legal services by contacting:

Legal Aid Society of Polk County
1111 9th St.
Des Moines, IA 50314
515-243-1193

- Homeless students are guaranteed an education.
- Homeless students are defined as between the ages of three and 21.
- While 18, 19 and 20 year olds are adults, if they have not achieved graduation requirements, they are still subject to the rules of Chapter 33, Iowa administrative code.