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**520 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**

**Supporting Students Who are Homeless or in Foster Care**

Sussex Academy follows the federal [McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title42/chapter119/subchapter6/partB&edition=prelim) (McKinney-Vento) for students who are homeless or in foster care. McKinney-Vento guarantees students the right to a free, appropriate public education by helping to minimize educational disruptions experienced by homelessness or foster care.

Under McKinney-Vento, students can remain enrolled in the school they were attending prior to homelessness or foster care even if they no longer reside in its feeder pattern. Additionally, McKinney-Vento guarantees students transportation to and from school, and enables students to enroll in a public school when they do not have the required documents and immunizations to register.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines a child who is homeless as one who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.  This includes children and youth:

* + Staying with family or friends due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason (example: evicted, loss of job, etc.)
	+ Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds
	+ Living in a shelter or emergency housing
	+ Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, or bus or train stations
	+ Abandoned in hospitals
	+ Who migrate with their family during the year and meet any of the descriptions above

To learn if your family is eligible for McKinney-Vento services please contact:

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