

## Facts about McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act

Part of the No Child Left Behind federal legislation, this law protects homeless students from discrimination and mandates equal access to educational programs and services. Students who are identified as homeless must have barriers to their education removed.

## Dispute Resolution

Any dispute that arises over school selection or enrollment, the process will be carried out as expeditiously as possible. Appeal procedures in the dispute process will be carried out by the district.

## Community Resources

**2-1-1 Wisconsin**  
Dial 211 from any phone to speak with a resource specialist to direct you to community resources

### River Ridge Area Resources:

**Mobile Food Pantry**  
St. John's Church  
2nd Tuesday each month

**Couleecap Food Pantry and Bargain Boutique**  
Prairie du Chien  
(608) 326-2463

**Grant Regional Hospital**  
(608) 723- 2143

**Crossing Rivers Health**  
(608) 357-2500

# McKinney-Vento Services for Homeless Students

River Ridge School District

Information for students, families, and staff



# Qualification

“Homeless” refers to situations where a child “doesn’t live in a fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence”

A student may qualify if he/ she is presently:

Sharing housing with relatives or others temporarily due to lack of housing

Living in a motel, campground, etc

Living in a shelter or transitional living program

Living in a public place

Living in an abandoned building

A youth not living with a parent or legal guardian and staying with others temporarily (including runaways)

A child of a migrant worker

“Unaccompanied youth” refers to anyone not in the physical custody of a

## STUDENT RIGHTS

### Immediate school enrollment

Even without proof of residency, guardianship, immunizations, or school records

### School Choice

Students may choose to stay at the school attended when permanently housed or to enroll in the school where currently living for the remainder of the academic year

### Free Lunches

Homeless students are automatically eligible to receive free lunch for the duration of the school year.

### School Fee Waivers

Students have the right to equal access to education and full participation

### Transportation

Transportation agreements are provided for students residing outside of their school’s attendance area.

## HOW TO ACCESS SERVICES

Contact River Ridge School District at:  
(608) 994-2715

Each school has a homeless liaison to help students and families access services in the school and community.

Please contact:

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