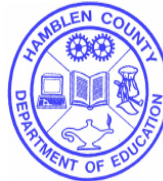




In the event your family is in transition, please contact your school principal. We can help during this transitional time to keep your child ready to participate in school.

The name, age, school of origin, Social Security number, date of birth, and legal guardian's name will be helpful in serving the child and to gain the services that are needed.



For more information, please contact the Hamblen County Department of Education Liaison, Becky Cox, at 423.586.7700.

He can assist you in gaining information of the rights of families served in accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act, as well as, assist in coordinating services with other community agencies.



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*for families in transition*

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## Criteria

Students who met one or more of the following criteria may be considered homeless.

- Staying in a hotel or motel
- Living in an emergency or transitional shelter or a domestic violence shelter
- Living in a car, park, public place, abandoned building or bus or train station
- Abandoned in a hospital
- Living in runaway or homeless youth shelter
- Living in a “doubled-up” situation with another family or families

More than 1.35 million children and youth experience homelessness in a year. For these children and youth, education is critical.

School can give students stability, security, and a safe place to grow.

Schools must make sure children and youth in homeless situations get all educational and supplemental services they need.

For example, students must have access to the following:

- Preschool
- School meal programs
- Programs for language minority students
- Special education and other programs for children and youth with disabilities
- Programs for gifted and talented students
- Career and technical education
- Before and afterschool programs



## The McKinney-Vento Act

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law, passed in 1987, to help people experiencing homelessness. Part of the law protects the rights of children and youth who are homeless to continue in school.

In December 2001, Congress changed the law to give more rights to children, youth and families who are homeless.

The law gives children and youth in homeless situations the right to:

- Stay in their school even if they move, to the extent possible.
- Enroll in school without proof of residency, school records or other papers.
- Get transportation to school.

