



The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children & Youth Program

Havasupai / Bureau of Indian Education (BIE)

Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Every child and youth experiencing homelessness has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education—including **public preschool**—as provided to other children and youths. The McKinney-Vento Act provides **federal funding** to support school programs serving students experiencing homelessness.

Who is considered “homeless” under McKinney-Vento?

“Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”

Examples include children and youth:

- Sharing housing due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons
- Living in emergency or transitional housing
- Whose primary night-time residence is not ordinarily used for sleeping (e.g., park benches)
- Substandard housing, including lack of heat and/or water.
- Living in public spaces, abandoned buildings, or substandard housing.
- Doubled Up

What our school does, including Head Start

- **Identifies** students and families who may be experiencing homelessness
- **Immediately enrolls** students (even without all records on hand)
- **Removes barriers** to enrollment, attendance, and participation in school activities
- **Coordinates services** so students can meet the same academic standards as all students

Confidential help — contact me

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Our Mission (BIE)

The mission of the Bureau of Indian Education is to provide students at **BIE-funded schools** with a **culturally relevant, high-quality education** that prepares them with the **knowledge, skills, and behaviors** to flourish in tomorrow’s opportunities, become **healthy and successful individuals**, and **lead their communities and sovereign nations** to a thriving future that **preserves their unique cultural identities**.