



Notice of Rights of Homeless Students

In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act, Blue Valley School District will ensure that homeless children in the District have access to a free and appropriate public education.

Students and their families are considered “homeless” if they are:

- Living in a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground;
- Living on the street;
- Living in an abandoned building, trailer or other inadequate accommodation;
- Living up with friends or relatives because they cannot find or afford housing;
- Waiting for a foster-care placement.

Students who are “homeless” have certain rights under federal law, including:

- The right to receive a free, appropriate public education;
- The right to enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment;
- The right to enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers needed records;
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled);
 - *If the District believes that the school selected is not in the best interest of a child, the District must provide a written explanation of its position and the right to appeal the decision.
- The right to receive transportation to/from the school of origin
- The right to attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; segregation based on a student’s status as homeless is prohibited;
- The right to receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the child’s needs.

For more information or to request specific support for a homeless student, contact the District’s homeless education liaison, Lane Green at 913-239-4398 or lgreen@bluevalleyk12.org.

If you need further assistance, please contact The Kansas State Department of Education at 1-800-203-9462 or laldrige@ksde.org. You may also contact the National Center for Homeless Education at 1-800-308-2145 or homeless@serve.org.