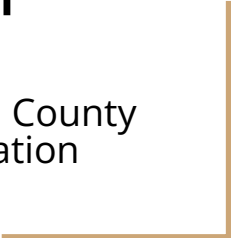


Washington
County School
Districts'
McKinney-Vento
Program

Presented by Washington County
McKinney-Vento Education
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McKinney-Vento Program

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law that protects the educational rights of students experiencing housing instability.



Any child experiencing housing instability qualifies for McKinney-Vento services

Support may include:

- Immediate school enrollment
- Transportation to school
- Ability to remain at the same school for the entire year
- Community resources

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Who is eligible for McKinney-Vento Services?

Children who lack a **fixed, regular and adequate** nighttime residence are eligible for McKinney-Vento Services.

This often looks like:

- ***Sharing the housing*** of others due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- Living in ***motels or hotels***.
- Living in emergency or transitional ***shelters***.
- Living in an ***unsheltered*** situation such as public or private place not designed for humans to live, camping, in a car, etc.
- Living in substandard housing: lack of access to electricity/heat/water/plumbing, excessive mold, vermin infestation, overcrowding

Available services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act:

- Immediate enrollment in school (school of origin or neighborhood school)
- Removing barriers to school enrollment, attendance and participation.
- Free School Meals and fee waivers for sports or school activities.
- Transportation support to and from school.
- Assistance obtaining documents that have been lost: birth certificates, immunization records, etc.
- Community based referrals to social services.

Students in Foster Care

Students experiencing foster care are eligible for resources and services similar to those of McKinney-Vento students, however, the involvement of the ODHS caseworker, resource family, and juvenile court are essential to providing input and determining school placement.

Children in foster care have the right to:

- Remain in their school district and school of origin, for the duration of time in foster care, even when their foster home placement changes and/or they are living outside of their school boundary.
- Immediately enrollment in school, with or without required documents.
- Automatic eligibility for free school meals.
- Participate in school-related activities.
- Transportation to their school of origin, as requested by the ODHS caseworker.

*Each school district is required to have at least one Foster Care Point of Contact who acts as a liaison between ODHS and the school system.

Unaccompanied Houseless Youth (UHY)

Unaccompanied students face unique challenges:

- Not living with a parent or legal guardian can create a barrier to school enrollment and participation.
- Limited access to social services: Medical, mental health, SNAP, legal documents.

How we help:

- Remove barriers to school enrollment and participation.
- Provide meal benefits and transportation.
- Provide FAFSA/ORSAA verification of unaccompanied status.
- Partner with community based organizations like HomePlate Youth Services, Safe Place for Youth, and Second Home.

McKinney-Vento Data for the 2023-24 School Year

School District	Doubled Up	Shelter	Hotel or Motel	Unsheltered	Unaccompanied Youth (in any category)	Total
Banks	9	0	1	0	1	10
Beaverton	1517	135	118	458	240	2228
Forest Grove	70	22	14	38	15	144
Gaston	Currently Not Available	Currently Not Available	Currently Not Available	Currently Not Available	Currently Not Available	6
Hillsboro	588	33	18	152	146	791
Sherwood	23	2	0	0	8	33
Tigard-Tualatin	406	47	44	0	29	526

Who is currently qualified for McKinney-Vento services?

School District	Doubled Up	Shelter	Hotel or Motel	Unsheltered	Unaccompanied Youth (in any category)	Total
Banks	11	2	0	0	0	13
Beaverton	821	76	70	254	127	1221
Forest Grove	25	23	6	12	8	66
Gaston	Currently Not Available	Currently Not Available	Currently Not Available	Currently Not Available	Currently Not Available	1
Hillsboro	203	18	22	81	59	324
Sherwood	17	3	5	2	12	39
Tigard-Tualatin	191	33	5	12	18	259

Trends and Challenges

- McKinney-Vento is commonly mistaken for a housing program
- Growing number of families living in substandard housing due to prolonged doubled up situations, due to inflation, rising cost of rent.
- Continuing influx of refugee and immigrant families into temporary housing.
- Unaccompanied youth displaced because of safety concerns with parents, LGBTQ+ status, or host families can no longer support them.
- Difficulty finding or accessing rental assistance; common resources frequently run out of funds.
- Extended wait times for shelter placement, from 4-6 weeks to at least 2 months.
- **Increase in unsheltered families who are living in their car or camping due to lack of immediate shelter options for children and families in Washington County**

Get Involved

- Join us at one of our McKinney-Vento Education Network (MVEN) quarterly meetings to share updates about your program and learn about current resources available for children, youth, and families.
 - Submit the MVEN meeting [interest form](#) or reach out to [Abel García Gómez](#) (MVEN representative on the Solutions Council) for the invite.
- Our programs provide essential items and resources to students (hygiene products, jackets, etc.). If you know of anyone interested in donating, please share our information.
- **Refer children experiencing housing instability to their McKinney-Vento school liaison.**

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