

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

In compliance with the Federal mandates of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act in conjunction with Virginia's House Joint Resolution 181, Scott County Public Schools is required to identify "Homeless Children and Youth."

Definitions are as follows:

Homeless Children – A homeless individual is one who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence, including but not limited to (McKinney-Vento Definition):

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- a primary nighttime residence that is not usually used for sleeping

Child and Youth – Persons who, if they were children of residents of the State, would be entitled to a free public education.

If a family lives in any of the following situations:

- In an emergency shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or
- sharing housing due to loss of housing

Then their preschool-aged and school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.

Children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is their choice and is feasible. If a school sends a child to a school other than the one requested, the school must provide a written explanation and offer the person the right to appeal the decision.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school.

When a homeless family moves, they should do the following:

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling their child in a new school or arranging for the child to continue in his or her former school. (Someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct the parent or guardian to the person they need to contact.)
- Contact the school and provide any information they think will assist the teachers in helping the child adjust to new circumstances.
- Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

LOCAL AREA CONTACT:
276-386-6118

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER
340 E. Jackson St.
Gate City, VA 24251

If you need further assistance, call the National Center for Homeless Education at the toll-free Helpline number: 1-800-308-2145

Cualquier persona que necesita la información educacional debe llamar este número 386-6118.

If you know of anyone who may be homeless, please provide the following information to the School Social Worker or return to the nearest local school.

Name of Homeless Student: _____ Date: _____

School of Attendance: _____ Elem., Middle Sch., High Sch. (circle one)

Parent/Guardian(s) Name: _____

Person Making Referral: _____ Phone: _____

Explain Your Reason for Suspecting that this Student is homeless: _____

If there are other children, please give their names and school: _____

In compliance with the Executive Order 11246; Title II of the Education Amendments of 1976; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1972; Title IX Regulation 1964 and Implementing Education Amendments of 1972; Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973; the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act (GINA) of 2008 and all other Federal, State, School rules, laws, regulations, and policies, Scott County Public Schools shall not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, political affiliation, gender/sex (including pregnant and parenting students), age,

marital status, disability, or genetic information in any educational program including vocational education for career and technical students, daily activities or extra-curricular activities, or the admission to such programs or activities, and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups.

En conformité avec le décret 11246 ; Titre II les amendements de l'éducation de 1976 ; Titre VI du Civil Rights Act de 1972 ; Titre IX règlement 1964 et mise en œuvre des modifications de l'éducation de 1972 ; L'article 504 de la Rehabilitation Act de 1973 ; la loi génétique de non-discrimination des informations (GINA) de 2008 et tous les autres fédéral, État, école règles, législatives, réglementaires et politiques, Scott County Public Schools n'exercent pas de discrimination sur la base de la race, couleur, religion, origine nationale, appartenance politique, sexe (y compris les femmes enceintes et aux parents des élèves), âge, état matrimonial, invalidité ou information génétique à tout programme de formation y compris l'enseignement professionnel pour la carrière et les étudiants de techniques, les activités quotidiennes ou des activités parascolaires ou l'admission à ces programmes ou activités et fournit un accès égal pour les Scouts et les autres groupes de jeunes désignés.