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## **Students in Homeless Situations**

If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, camp ground, temporary trailer, on the street, doubled-up with family or friends or in another type of temporary housing your child/you might be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Attend either the local school of the school or origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled. Placement can be disputed by filling out the attached form and submitting it to the counselor who will contact the district homeless liaison, Mrs. Bond, within two school days.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment, such as proof of residence, previous school records, or immunizations/medical records.
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school gathers records.
- Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students, including transportation and supplemental educational services.
- Attend school with children no experiencing homelessness; a school cannot segregate a student because he or she is homeless.

Homeless student at Williams Bay Schools will be exempt from athletic fees, cost of required field trips, and registration fees.

Free lunches will be provided. School supplies, backpacks and personal hygiene items are also available at no cost. Winter clothing is often available. Referrals to area food and clothing banks will be made upon request.

Holiday help, in the form of food and gifts, is available by contacting counselors in early November. School Counselors will meet with student (s) and provide supportive counseling.

Questions? Contact the Williams Bay Homeless Liaison, Mrs. Bond (262) 245-5571 or at [abond@williamsbayschools.org](mailto:abond@williamsbayschools.org) or state coordinator [Michael.dennison@dpi.wi.gov](mailto:Michael.dennison@dpi.wi.gov) .