



BRISTOL SCHOOL DISTRICT #1

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ANNUAL NOTICE

MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

The McKinney-Vento Act defines children and youth experiencing homelessness as:

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and also includes children and youth who are:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- living in emergency or transitional shelters
- abandoned in hospitals
- living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private plane not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above

If you are personally aware of or are acquainted with any children and youth (students) who may qualify for support according to the criteria listed above, the Bristol School District #1 provides the following assurances to parents and guardians of students experiencing homelessness as well as youth that are unaccompanied and experiencing homelessness:

- The student will be immediately enrolled and allowed to fully participate in school, even if unable to produce records normally required for enrollment (e.g., academic records, immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, or other documentation) or has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.
- The student may choose to stay at the school of origin (the school attended when permanently housed or the school last attended), or to enroll in the school where they are currently living for the remainder of the academic year.
- Students living in temporary housing are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as experiencing homelessness and have full and equal educational and related opportunities.
- Meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children including special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.
- Immediate enrollment and transportation to the school of origin. "School of origin" means the school that a student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled, including a preschool.
- Written explanation of any decisions related to school selection or enrollment made by the school, the local educational agency, or the State educational agency involved, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal and receive prompt resolution of such decisions.

Please contact the McKinney-Vento Education Liaison for the Bristol School District #1, at 262-857-2334 or thorson.chr@bristol.k12.wi.us for additional information about the rights and services described above.

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