

Educational Rights of Homeless Families

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for Children and Youth states that students experiencing transitional living situations have access to a free appropriate public education up to the age of 21. The definition of “homeless” under Illinois and federal law includes a person who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes a person whose primary nighttime residence is a shelter or a place not ordinarily used by human beings for sleeping, children and youth that are doubled-up in housing because they can’t afford a place to live, and unaccompanied youth. If your child is in a homeless situation, please contact the Auburn CUSD#10 Homeless Children and Youth Liaison, Melissa Warwick, at 438-6817 or mwarwick@auburn.k12.il.us.