

Student Rights and Services Under the McKinney-Vento Act

Educational rights

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

- **Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there**
- **Attend either their school of origin or the school in which housed students living in the same area attend, whichever is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the student attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled**
- **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 a birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records**
- **Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school arranges for the transfer of records**
- **Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students including transportation, extracurricular activities, athletics, and supplemental educational services**
- **Attend school with students not experiencing homelessness; segregation based on a student's status as homeless is prohibited**

Services

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, students living in homeless situations have access to the following services:

- **Free school meals (Child Nutrition Act)**
- **Special education evaluation and services, as appropriate**
- **Head Start services for preschoolers**
- **Title I services**
- **Transportation to and from school of origin, as appropriate**

Under the College Cost Reduction and Access Act, unaccompanied homeless youth are considered independent students for purposes of receiving federal financial aid for college.

The Pullman School District shall provide equal educational opportunity and treatment for all students in all aspects of the academic and activities programs without regard to race, religion, creed, color, national origin, age, honorably-discharged veteran or military status, sex, sexual orientation (including gender expression or identity), marital status, the presence of any sensory, mental or physical disability, participation in the Boy Scouts of America or the use of a trained dog guide or service animal by a person with a disability. The district will provide equal access to school facilities to the Boy Scouts of America and all other designated youth groups listed in Title 36 of the United States Code as a patriotic society. District programs will be free from sexual harassment.

The following employee has been designated to handle questions and complaints of alleged discrimination: Roberta Kramer, Assistant Superintendent, Pullman School District Administrative Offices, 240 SE Dexter Street, Pullman, WA 99163, 509.332.3144. Applicants with disabilities may request reasonable accommodations in the application process by contacting the Personnel Coordinator at (509) 332-3584. Questions regarding this form may be directed to the District Homeless Liaison, Paula Bates, at the address and phone above.