



Scott County Public Schools

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Scott County Public Schools shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every Scott County Public School homeless student shall have equal access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and youth not living with a parent or guardian, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by Scott County Public School.

A student is considered “homeless” if he or she is presently living:

- ☐ in a shelter
- ☐ sharing housing with relatives or others due to lack of housing
- ☐ in a motel/hotel, camping ground, or similar situation due to lack of alternative, adequate housing
- ☐ at a train or bus station, park or in a car
- ☐ in an abandoned building
- ☐ youth not living with a parent or guardian
- ☐ temporarily housed while awaiting Department of Social Services foster care placement

Homeless Students Have Rights To:

- **Immediate school enrollment.** *A school must immediately enroll students even if they lack health immunization or school records, proof of guardianship, or proof of residency.*
- **Enroll in:**
 - o The school he/she attended when permanently housed (school of origin)
 - o The school in which he/she was last enrolled (school of origin)
 - o Any school that non-homeless students living in the same attendance area in which the homeless child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.
- **Remain** enrolled in his/her selected school for as long as he/she remains homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.
- **Priority** in certain preschool programs. Parents or guardians are encouraged to seek enrollment to these programs.
- **Transportation services** A homeless student attending his/her school or origin has a right to transportation to go to and from school of origin as long as he is homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year. Scott County Public School staff shall inform homeless parents/guardians or youth of transportation services to and from school and school-related activities.

In the event anyone wishes to dispute the decision of a student eligibility please complete the McKinney-Vento dispute form and fax to 276-386-2684. Information regarding the dispute resolution process can be obtained by contacting Brenda Robinette at 276-386-6118.

Every Child, Every Opportunity