

**Sallisaw Public Schools**  
**Homeless Liaison: Dana Stites**  
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Homeless children and youths are individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including:

- Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Children and youths who are 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.

Educational Rights 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 or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was in permanent housing or the last school in which the child was 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 and supplemental educational services
  - Attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; segregation based on a student's status as homeless is prohibited
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin