

MEDFORD AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

DATE ADOPTED: February 24, 2025

**FILE SECTOR: STUDENTS
POLICY TITLE: HOMELESS
CHILDREN AND YOUTHS**

Homeless students shall have equal access to public school education. The purpose of the McKinney-Vento program is to allow this access by reducing barriers and providing resources.

Determination of homelessness status will be determined by the District Homeless Liaison, Director of Special Education and Student Services.

All District Staff shall be trained annually in identification and referral procedures for homeless students.

“Homeless children and youths” or “homeless students” means individuals who lack fixed, regular, or adequate nighttime residence due to economic hardship. This definition includes:

- Individuals who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons; are living in motels, hotels, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals.
- Individuals 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.
- Individuals who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Individuals who are migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in circumstances described above.

Medford Area Public School District (MAPSD) shall provide homeless students and their families the following rights and services:

- Free, appropriate public education
- Immediate enrollment and school participation, even if they lack paperwork or records from previous school district has not been received
- Enrollment in a local school or continue attending the school of origin, according to the student’s best interests
 - Transportation to the appropriate school as determined by the Local Education Agency
- Free breakfast and lunch
- Student Fees are Waived

- Additional school related fees (field trip, classroom projects, enrichment activities, fines, etc) are waived automatically without a waiver form
- School Supplies Provided
- Honor and accept partial credits from sending school
- Engagement Opportunities for Parent(s)/Guardian(s)

Student Placement Dispute

For any student placement disputes, contact the MAPSD Homeless Coordinator listed below:

MAPSD Homeless Coordinator:
Joseph Greget
Director of Special Education and Pupil Services
1065 W Broadway
Medford, WI 54451
gregego@medford.k12.wi.us
715-748-2316, ext. 3324

The parent(s)/guardian(s) or unaccompanied youth can contact the State Coordinator for Homeless Education at (608) 267-7338 for additional information.

CROSS REFERENCE: JB, JEC, JECBD, JN

**LEGAL REFERENCE: 'Wis. Stats., PI, Wisconsin Administrative Code,
McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act**