

District Mission

Suwannee County Schools will educate all students in a safe and supportive learning environment that will develop life-long learners and productive citizens.



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**[www.suwannee.k12.fl.us/
homeless-children-and-youth](http://www.suwannee.k12.fl.us/homeless-children-and-youth)**



Families in Transition



Who are Families in Transition?

Section 725(2) of the McKinney-Vento Act 10 defines “homeless children and youths” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Children and Youths who are:

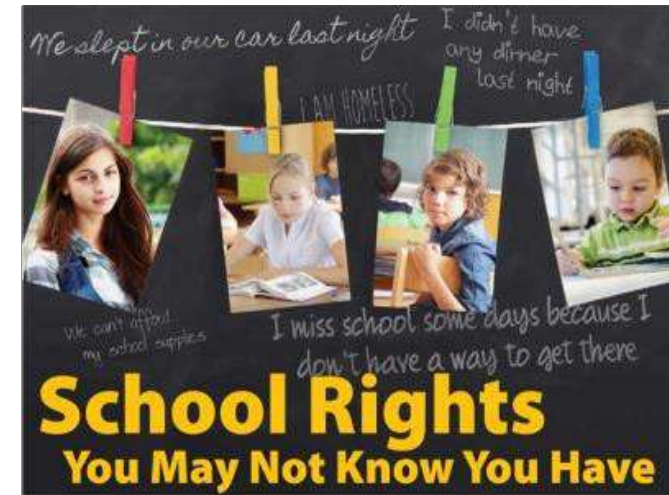
- Emergency or transitional shelter or FEMA trailer
- Family member or friend due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason; doubled up
- Car, park, temporary trailer park or campground due to lack of adequate housing, public space, abandoned building, substandard housing, public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings or similar settings.
- Hotel or motel.
- Awaiting foster placement.

Meets one of the criteria above and is not in the physical custody of a parent or a guardian (unaccompanied youth).

Services Offered

- **School Supplies**
- **Hygiene Items**
- **Enrollment Advocacy**
- **Assist with School Physical Fee**
 - Assist with Eyeglasses Fee
 - Assist with Cap and Gown Fee
- **Assist with Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) Application**
- **Referrals for Clothes and Food**
- **Federal, State, and Local Resources**

My Choice For High Quality Education



Under McKinney-Vento, children (PreK-12) have the right to:

- Continue to attend the school they last attended before they lost their housing (school of origin), if that is the parent/ guardian's choice and is in the child's best interest, or the school for which they are zoned for their temporary residence.
- Enroll and attend classes immediately while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records and other required enrollment documents.
- If necessary, enroll and attend classes in the school selected by the parent/guardian (school of origin or zoned school), while the school and the parent/guardian seek to resolve a dispute over which school is in the best interest of the child – NOTE: This does not mean any school in the district, only the school of origin or zoned school.
- Receive transportation to the school of origin (if a parent/guardian requests such transportation). NOTE: If the student lives within two miles of the school, then transportation is provided per district policy.
- Participate in any school programs and receive any school services for which they qualify.