

AHPS Homeless Support

Through the federal [McKinney-Vento Program](#), AHPS is able to provide support for students and families who are experiencing housing instability.

Homelessness can take on many different forms. Some students live in shelters. Others live in hotels or are doubling up with family or friends. Simply put, a student who is experiencing homelessness doesn't have a permanent residence or the stability that comes with a place to call home.

Allegheny Highlands Public Schools is committed to providing support to students experiencing homelessness. We provide academic assistance as needed with our current instructional programs to help maintain a successful academic experience for all students.

Your child can enroll in school even if you have uncertain, temporary housing or no permanent physical address.

The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who lacks fixed, regular, or adequate housing, such as:

- Emergency shelters
- Transitional housing
- Motels, hotels, campgrounds, etc.
- Cars, parks, public places, bus/train stations, or abandoned buildings
- Relatives or friends due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Examples of ways AHPS supports families include:

- Basic school supplies
- Winter coats
- Hats, glove, mittens, etc.
- Hygienic items (toothpaste, toothbrush, etc.)
- Clothing Assistance
- And more if needed.

How to receive help:

If you or a student is in need, contact your student's school for support,

Melinda Snead-Johnson, AHPS McKinney-Vento Coordinator,

or

Tamyra Williams- Ross, AHPS Visiting Teacher

How to help AHPS students: Individuals, organizations, and businesses that wish to support students may make monetary or material donations to the AHPS Shoe Fund.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Support Program is part of the AHPS Instructional team, which is led by:

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