

McKinney-Vento Reauthorized by ESSA December 2015

Major changes for Vermont

The Basics

- Starts October 1, 2016
- Puts previous guidance into statute
- Better/Stronger for families and unaccompanied youth
- Potential administrative/budget challenges for VT
- Increased responsibilities for State Coordinators and Homeless Liaisons

More support for youth and families

- ✓ Fully covers preschool students attending public schools
- ✓ School of Origin adds feeder schools
- ✓ Students have access to support after they are permanently housed(transportation)
- ✓ Unaccompanied youth have more support
- ✓ More coordination with partners
- ✓ More training for school staff
- ✓ Ensures privacy for student records - FERPA

New for Homeless Students

- Transportation
 - School of origin transportation is now available for students after they are permanently housed through rest of school year
 - Addition of preschool transportation
- Preschool
 - More coordination

New Responsibilities for State Coordinators (SC) and local Homeless Liaisons (HL)

- Additional Training and TA requirements for State Coordinator (SC) and Homeless Liaisons (HL)
 - Added “professional development” and “monitoring” to SC section
 - Brand new language in HL section
- New outreach requirements for HLs

New Responsibilities for State Coordinators (SC) and local Homeless Liaisons (HL)

- More HL supports for unaccompanied youth
 - Reduce barriers to credit accrual & graduation
 - Provide support for post-secondary pursuits
 - Verify homeless status for FAFSA
- HLs can determine whether a child or youth is homeless according to HUD's definition of homeless.

New AOE website

Homeless Education page:

<http://education.vermont.gov/student-support/federal-programs/homeless-education>