WEST MIFFLIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

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McKinney Vento Letter to Families
2025-2026

Dear Parent(s) and Guardian(s):

In compliance with the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, as reauthorized in 2015 by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the West Mifflin Area School District is attempting to identify all children within the district that may be experiencing homelessness.

The term homeless children and youth is defined by McKinney-Vento as individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes individuals:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or a similar reason
- Living in a hotel, motel, trailer park or campground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations or similar settings
- Living in substandard housing (no running water or working utilities, infestations, etc…).

Children who are experiencing homelessness may qualify for assistance with free school lunches, school supplies/materials, tutoring and transportation so they can remain in their school of origin throughout the duration of their homeless episode.

If you believe your child/children may qualify for this service or if your living situation changes during the school year and your children become homeless please be sure to contact Melissa Wall via email at wallm@wmasd.org or phone 412-466-9131 ext. 1006. We will work with you so that your child/children's education is disrupted as little as possible.

Sincerely,

Melissa Wall, LSW
Home & School Visitor