

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education

*Annual Fall
Districtwide
Meeting*



*Monday,
August 24,
2026*

Staff Training and Awareness

Together, we ensure all students will reach their full potential.

2026-2027

DIRECTIONS AND TRAINING OBJECTIVES:

Please review this training guide which includes four resources:

- ☒ What is the McKinney-Vento Act? (Video Link)
- ☒ Youth Discuss the Value of Education to Overcoming Homelessness (Video Link)
- ☒ Potential Indicators of Homelessness (PDF Link)
- ☒ Local Education Agency Liaison Duties (Website Link)

Following review of the training guide and resources:

- ☒ Document your participation and understanding at the following [link](#)

TITLE IX-A HOMELESS EDUCATION LIAISON

David Aiken, Lapwai School District Superintendent, has also been designated as our Title IX-A Homeless Education Liaison. Please bring homeless concerns to his attention or notify the building principal. The local liaison serves as one of the primary contacts between homeless families and school staff, district personnel, and other service providers. The liaison coordinates services to ensure that homeless children enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically.

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RESOURCE #1:

What is The McKinney-Vento Act?

Please review the following [video link](#)

Learn how the law ensures that students living in shelters, motels, shared housing, or unsafe conditions still have access to:

- ☒ *Education resources – school supplies, clothing, hygiene items, and medical support*
- ☒ *Enrollment rights – start school even without immediate documents*
- ☒ *School stability – stay at their home school, with transportation provided if needed*
- ☒ *Support services – help from local homeless education liaisons*

RESOURCE #2:

Youth discuss the value of education to overcoming homelessness:

Please review the following [video link](#)

☒ *The importance of education in the lives of children experiencing homelessness, and the life-shaping impact of being seen and supported while experiencing youth homelessness*

RESOURCE #3:

Potential Indicators of Homelessness:

Please review the following [PDF link](#)

Potential Indicators of Homelessness Include:

- ☒ *Missing the Bus*
- ☒ *Tardiness or Absences*
- ☒ *Lack of Participation*
- ☒ *Unmet Medical or Dental Needs*
- ☒ *Sleeping in Class/Fatigue*
- ☒ *Enrollment in Multiple Schools, Lack of Records, Gaps in Learning*
- ☒ *Hunger*
- ☒ *Hygiene*
- ☒ *School Supplies*
- ☒ *Social and Behavioral Challenges*

RESOURCE #4:

Local Educational Agency Liaison Duties Under the McKinney-Vento Act

Please review the following [website link](#)

☒ Liaison Duties

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, every local educational agency is required to designate a liaison for homeless children and youth. The local educational agency liaison coordinates services to ensure that homeless children and youths enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically. Under the law, the liaison must be able to carry out the duties included in the law. This short document describes those duties.

MCKINNEY-VENTO ELIGIBLE LIVING SITUATIONS

- ☑ Sharing the housing of other persons **due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason**
- ☑ Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds **due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations**
- ☑ Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- ☑ Living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- ☑ Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)

FOSTER CARE LIAISON

Lori Ravet, the Lapwai School District Special Education Director, is also designated as the Foster Care Liaison for the Lapwai School District, acting as the primary point of contact for the Department of Health and Welfare and the Idaho State Department of Education.

She will work closely with David Aiken, Title IX-A Homeless Education Liaison, to meet the unique educational needs of children placed in foster care.

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PLEASE DOCUMENT YOUR PARTICIPATION AND UNDERSTANDING

Thank you for your participation in this training guide and reviewing the linked resources.

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WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Additional information regarding homeless education can be accessed on the Lapwai School District Website at:

www.Lapwai.org

On the bottom of the homepage at the link: McKinney-Vento Homeless Act