

McKinney-Vento - Education for Homeless Children and Youth

New Trier High School District 203 is committed to providing the delivery of services to children and youth and their families to ensure reduction of barriers to enrollment and academic participation. Please navigate our website for information about how to register, enroll, and receive services at NTHS for homeless children, youth, and their families.

To enroll or register to receive services at NTHS under McKinney-Vento:

Please contact the Registrar at (847) 784-2212 // registrar@nthshs.net or contact the Residency Officer at (847) 784-2219 // mitchelc@nthshs.net

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The McKinney-Vento Act (Section 725) defines "homeless children and youth" (school-age and younger) as:

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth who are:
 - 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 lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
 - Living in emergency or transitional shelters.
 - Awaiting foster care placement.
- Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
 - Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.
 - The term *unaccompanied* youth includes a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. This would include runaways living
 - in runaway shelters, abandoned buildings, cars, on the streets, or in other inadequate housing; children and youth denied housing by their families (sometimes referred to "throwaway children and youth"); and school-age unwed mothers living in homes for unwed mothers because they have no other housing available.

In determining whether or not a child or youth is homeless, consider the relative permanence of the living arrangements. Determinations of homelessness will be made on a case-by-case basis.

See the [Illinois State Board of Education website](#) for more information.