

Rights of Homeless Children & Youth in Ohio

All Ohio school districts are now required to conduct awareness training to ensure ALL personnel know the McKinney-Vento law and know to immediately refer questions/concerns to a school counselor who will in turn consult with the district's homeless liaison as necessary. Nancy Sayre is Maumee's homeless liaison.

Homeless children and youth are defined as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. They are afforded educational rights under state and federal laws, such as McKinney-Vento.

Maumee City Schools Policy & Administrative Guidelines # 5111.01 address our procedures for enrolling and providing services for children who meet the federal definition of "homeless." The policy and guidelines also address safeguards in place to protect homeless students from discrimination on the basis of their homelessness.

Because Maumee has centralized enrollment for all new students, Nicole Hinsey has been trained on the district's responsibilities related to enrollment of homeless students.

Should a student or his/her family become homeless during the school year and a staff member suspects or becomes aware of this fact, please contact a school counselor. Additional information can be found on the ODE website: www.education.ohio.gov (type in the search bar: "homeless children and youth" or "McKinney-Vento Law.")

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