

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Program

The following list describes several possible characteristics of students coming from displaced (homeless) situations. The list is not all inclusive, but should serve as a guide to better assist you in identifying displaced students.

- Attendance and enrollment in multiple schools
- Chronic hunger or tiredness
- Lack of motivation, direction, or desire
- Little or no extracurricular participation
- Expressed feelings of not belonging in school
- Indicated boredom with school
- Been retained a grade
- Lack of acceptance by his/her peers
- Poor social adjustment
- Serious economic problems
- Problems with sleeping during class
- Failure to complete homework assignments
- Untimely enrollment
- Siblings that may be over protective of one another
- Parents seem confused when asked about the last school or grade child was enrolled in
- Tendency to exaggerate
- Low income motel address on enrollment form
- Have no permanent address
- Shows reluctance to leave parent when left at school

- High absenteeism rate
- Poor grades overall
- Frequent health problems
- More mobile than other students
- Behaviors indicating social or emotional disturbances
- Low self-esteem
- Disruptive
- Lack of records
 - Birth certificate
 - Immunization record
 - Pre-school physical
 - School records
 - Incomplete records
- Frequent spells of day dreaming
- Excessive tardiness
- Unkept appearance and frequent hunger
- Insufficient or lack of adequate school clothing
- Poor personal hygiene
- Exhibited evidence of physical abuse
- Poor or no contact between parent(s) and school

Feel free to contact the McKinney-Vento Homeless Specialist, Angelica Venzor, at (915)926-3250 should you have any questions or concerns regarding the identification of displaced students.