Offering Enrollment Assistance

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Act protects a student’s rights to enroll in and attend school regardless of living situation. Students can enroll at the Welcome Center located in the District Administrative Offices in Waite Park. If transportation to the Welcome Center is not available, families can contact one of the local transitional education liaisons listed below to enroll off-site.

The liaisons can also help answer questions and obtain needed school supplies.

Local Transitional Education Liaisons:
Jen Loch   Rebecca Groenewold
320-223-5370  320-224-7285
320-370-8066  320-370-8059

Educational Support Services for Families Experiencing Homelessness and Transitional Housing

District 742 provides educational assistance for families living:
• In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground.
• On the street.
• In an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate space.
• With friends or relatives due to inability to find affordable housing.

Welcome Center
District Administrative Offices
1201 Second Street South
Waite Park, MN 56387
Open: Monday through Friday
Hours: 7:30 a.m. – 4 p.m.
Phone: 320-370-8116
Fax: 320-370-8003
welcomecenter@isd742.org

Laurie Putnam
Assistant Superintendent
St. Cloud Area School District 742
1201 S. Second St.
Waite Park, MN 56387
320-370-7435
www.isd742.org
Providing Transportation
• Assist families with district or city transportation to the student’s current school while homeless or in temporary housing
• Assist families with participation in school activities such as family conferences, school meetings, activities, and evening performances

Offering a Variety of Support
• Assist with student enrollment and class registration
• Support parents with efforts to maintain current school placement throughout transition period
• Assist parents to remain involved in their child’s education
• Ensure students have access to all special programs and services that they are eligible to receive
• Identify funding for District 742 sponsored extracurricular activities
• Provide classroom consultation
• Assist with necessary school supplies

Honoring Student Rights
Under the McKinney-Vento Act, students have the right to:
• Enroll in school immediately and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
• Attend school and continue in the school they attended prior to becoming homeless during the school year.
• Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
• Access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students.
• Have enrollment disputes quickly addressed.

FAQs
How can my child enroll in school if I don’t have any school records? Families can still enroll their children right away. The new school will contact prior schools for records. If records are not available, the new school will help to determine the appropriate placement.

What if I don’t have immunization or health records for my child? Families can still enroll their children right away. The new school will work with families to obtain these records or to get the necessary immunizations.

Does my child have to change schools every time we move? Changing schools may not be in the best interest of a student. Homeless students can remain at the same school even if they move out of the attendance area when it is in the best interest of the student. The school or your local liaisons will help to arrange transportation.