

Weakley County Schools Homelessness Points of Contact

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Resources for students and
families experiencing
homelessness



What defines a homeless student?

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, the term “homeless children and youths” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes children and youths:

- Who are sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks (camping trailers), or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals
- 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;
- Who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

Our mission is to provide an educational environment that will encourage students to achieve their full potential as they prepare for unique roles as contributing members of our complex and changing society.

What can schools do?

Weakley County Schools work to ensure that every student has access to a high-quality education. For homeless students, our schools can provide:

- Immediate enrollment, even if students don't have the records normally required for enrollment
- Transportation for students to and from schools in the district
- Access to all programs and services for which they are eligible
- Free breakfast and lunch

In addition, our schools will ensure that homeless students have access to any school supplies necessary for school.

Each school has a designated staff member to assist students experiencing homelessness and their families. They are listed on the back.

Other Resources for Homelessness:

Amanda Nichols, PATH Case Manager, can assist families in finding emergency shelter and help them find permanent housing and financial help. She serves Lake, Obion, Weakley, & Gibson Counties.
(731) 234-8592
(731) 885-8810 Ext. 314

Jason Postlethwait serves the same role for Benton, Carroll, Gibson, & Henry Counties.
(731) 986-5484

West Tennessee Homeless Hotline
1-866-307-5469

State Coordinator for Homeless Education, Justin Singleton
(615) 917-3750

National Center for Homeless Education Toll-free Helpline
1-800-308-2145

National Runaway Switchboard
1-800-621-4000