



# **McKinney-Vento Homeless Education**

*Ken-Ton UFSD Overview*



*Mid-Year Update - 2-14-23*

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# McKinney-Vento Homeless Education

*Coverage, Choices and Student Rights*

**The McKinney-Vento Act covers children and youth who do not have a fixed, adequate and regular nighttime residence, such as those living:**

- in an emergency or transitional shelter;
- with friends or relatives due to loss of housing or economic hardship (also known as doubled up);
- in a motel, hotel or campground;
- in a car, bus or train station, an abandoned building, or some other inadequate accommodation or other public place; or
- in temporary situations while awaiting foster care placement.

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## *Coverage, Choices and Student Rights*

**School Choice: Students in temporary housing can choose what school to attend, such as;**

- the school the student last attended before becoming homeless (known as the school of origin); or
- the school located in the attendance area where the student is temporarily living (known as the local school).

**Students in temporary housing have the right to:**

- immediate school enrollment;
- free transportation to the school of origin even if it is in another district;
- free school meals without filling out an application; and
- participate in any school activity that is available to other students and get transportation to and from all before or after-school activities if it is provided to other students

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## Ken-Ton Homeless Student Enrollment and Transportation Data

| School Year | Beds Day | As of 2-9-2023         | End of Year Active + Inactive | # of Students Eligible for Transportation as of BEDS Day or Start of School Year | # of Households Eligible for Transportation as of 2-9 of each year (eligible Households) |
|-------------|----------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|--|
| ➤ 2017-2018 | 136      |                        | 150                           |  | 40   |
| ➤ 2018-2019 | 74       |                        | 148                           |  | 43   |
| ➤ 2019-2020 | 84       |                        | 120                           |  | 46   |
| ➤ 2020-2021 | 78       |                        | 136                           |  | 50   |
| ➤ 2021-2022 | 92       |                        | 149                           |  | 51   |
| ➤ 2022-2023 | 70       | 111 total<br>87 Active |                               | 29   | 27-30  |



## Currently Active MKV Student Eligibility Status

| Duration of Homelessness between '17-'18 and '22-'23 |                            |                            |                            |                            |                            |
|--|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 year   | 2 years                    | 3 years                    | 4 years                    | 5 years                    | 6+ years                   |
| Became Active<br>2022-2023                           | Became Active<br>2021-2022 | Became Active<br>2020-2021 | Became Active<br>2019-2020 | Became Active<br>2018-2019 | Became Active<br>2017-2018 |
| 21   | 30                         | 14                         | 2                          | 2                          | 1                          |

Of the 87 current Active MKV Students (BEDS DAY), 3 left the district at the end of the 2016-2017 school year homeless, and returned back to the the district in 21-22, still homeless.

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## Regional Comparison Active Reported

| District                      | District Enrollment 20-21 | 2018-2019 Total Homeless Students | 2019-2020 Total Homeless Students | 2020-2021 Total Homeless Students | Total Homeless Students 3-Year Average |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|
| BUFFALO CITY SD               | 30969                     | 1351                              | 1098                              | 381                               | 943                                    |
| NIAGARA FALLS CITY SD         | 6821                      | 234                               | 242                               | 227                               | 234                                    |
| <b>KENMORE-TONAWANDA UFSD</b> | <b>6559</b>               | <b>146</b>                        | <b>121</b>                        | <b>130</b>                        | <b>132</b>                             |
| LOCKPORT CITY SD              | 4310                      | 114                               | 120                               | 134                               | 123                                    |
| NIAGARA-WHEATFIELD CSD        | 3423                      | 90                                | 97                                | 85                                | 91                                     |
| WEST SENECA CSD               | 6155                      | 80                                | 71                                | 43                                | 65                                     |
| SWEET HOME CSD                | 3340                      | 58                                | 26                                | 37                                | 40                                     |
| CHEEKTOWAGA CSD               | 2228                      | 45                                | 38                                | 22                                | 35                                     |

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# Procedures for Determining Eligibility

## **A** Referral is Made

- Central Registration
- School Referral
- Self Referral

## **B** Intake

- Family meets with McKinney Vento Liason
- Folder created for each new case
- Legal guidelines are followed, including STAC 202 completed for every student file folder

## **C** Communication, Coding and Activation

- If eligible, MKV Liason promptly informs all stakeholders
- Infinite Campus, Microsoft Access, Versa-Trans are updated and proper state codes applied for reporting and accountability
- If needed, transportation is setup within 3 days
- Families receive an activation letter from MKV Liason upon approval and the letter also informs them that Eligibility ends at the conclusion of the school year
- In May, ALL families receive a reminder letter that eligibility ends in June and that if their circumstance requires consideration of eligibility renewal for the following school year, that they are to reach out directly to the Liason
- Liason communicates regularly with high needs families regarding available services, ie, Kenton Closet, School Supplies, Emergency Food Pantry, KTFSC, etc.

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