Who Is Homeless?
A Flowchart for Making Determinations for Education Services

This flowchart is meant to aid you in making decisions about a student’s eligibility as homeless under the education subtitle of the McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.), but it may not capture every housing situation. For the complete definition of homeless, visit [https://nche.ed.gov/legis/mv-def.php](https://nche.ed.gov/legis/mv-def.php). For more information on making determinations, see the related issue brief from the National Center for Homeless Education: [https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/det_elig.pdf](https://nche.ed.gov/downloads/briefs/det_elig.pdf).

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