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Information includes -

- Phone / Email for your school's Homeless Liaison
- Student Rights under MV law

Have a question? Not sure where to enroll your student?
Contact: Casey Gordon,
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Kent ISD School Homeless Liaisons

Byron Center	Erin Tacoma	616-878-6112
Caledonia	Amanda Kozlowski	616-891-8185
Cedar Springs	Ashley Reyonolds	616-696-0580
Chandler Woods	Jim Grabow	616-866-6000
Covenant House	Thurston King	616-364-2000
Cross Creek	Melissa Wierenga	616-656-4000
Comstock Park	Missi McPherson	616-254-5016
Creative Technologies Academy	Sara Middlebrook	616-696-4905
East Grand Rapids	Steve Seth	616-235-7555
Excel	Kelly Dahl	616-281-9339
Forest Hills	Tricia McPheron	616-493-8850
Godfrey-Lee	Nancy Opacki	616-241-4722
Godwin Heights	Derek Cooley	616-252-2090
GR Child Discovery Center	Trevor Gilbert	616-459-0330
GR Ellington Academy	Angela Wallace	616-551-3049
Grand Rapids Public	Edna Stewart	616-819-3673
Grand River Prep	Debra Cusic	616-261-1800
Grandville	Adam Lancto	616-254-6426
GSRP (not GRPS)	Stacey Bright	616-447-5679
GSRP (in GRPS)	Edna Stewart	616-819-3673
Hope Academy	Janelle Kasper	616-301-8485
Kelloggsville	Lori Martin	616-538-7460
Kenowa Hills	Cindy Ruscett	616-784-2511
Kent City	Barbara Berry	616-678-7714
Kentwood Public	Sarah Blystra	616-455-4400
Knapp	Roxana Osburn	616-364-1100
Lighthouse Academy	Carlas Coleman	616-949-2287
Lowell	Nate Fowler	616-987-2651
MI Virtual Charter	Stacea McKeever	616-309-1600
New Branches	Sara Casey	616-243-6221
Nexus Academy	Angela Pulera	616-458-4992
Northview	Dion Charity	616-363-4857
Ridge Park	Nancy Hamstreet	616-222-0093
River City Scholars	Susan Thomas	616-248-3390
Rockford	Jim Ellis	616-863-6326
Sparta	Joel Stoner	616-887-8253
Thornapple-Kellogg	Heidi Vanaman	269-795-5522
Vanguard	John Fisher	616-538-3630
Vista	Jenny Gomez	616-246-6920
Walker	Sharon Sancho	616-785-2700
Wellspring Prep	Erin Russo	616-235-9500
WM Academy of Environmental Sciences	Christopher Boyd	616-791-7454
WM Aviation Academy	Michelle Wis	616-446-8886
William C. Abney	Cheryl Chambers	616-454-5541
Wyoming Public	Jason Maas	616-530-7525

McKinney-Vento / Homeless Services

Do you know your educational rights while you are experiencing Homelessness?

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Who is Homeless?

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homelessness as lacking a "fixed, regular, and adequate" nighttime residence. Students who have lost their housing due to economic hardship or disaster are covered under the MV Act.

Students may be eligible for services if they are:

- Living in a shelter
- Living unsheltered (in a park, car, tent, etc.)
- Living in a motel
- Living in a Transitional Housing program
- Living doubled-up with others
- Unaccompanied homeless youth

Rights Under MV Act

Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade have educational rights under the MV Act.

K-12 Students Have the Right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education
- Enroll in school immediately, even if they lack documents normally required for enrollment
- Enroll in the local school or continue in their school of origin (if the school district feels the school you select is not in the best interest of the student, they will provide you with a written explanation and inform you of your right to appeal their decision)
- Receive transportation to their school of origin, if requested
- Receive educational services comparable to other students
- Receive free lunch if the school participates in the School Nutrition Program

What about my child in preschool?

PreK students attending state or federally funded programs (GSRP, Head Start, ECSE) are also eligible for McKinney-Vento Act services:

- Immediate enrollment, even if lacking key documents (if space is available)
- Right to continue in school of origin (if in the best interest of the child)
- Receive transportation to continue in school of origin (if in best interest of student)

Out of School Youth

If you have stopped attending school or have dropped out, your school district's Homeless Liaison can help connect you to services, including re-enrollment in school.

What if I am alone?

Youth who are separated from their parents are eligible for help from their district's Homeless Liaison. The Liaison can help you with enrollment, scheduling, transportation to school of origin, school supplies, and referrals for community services.

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