

Who do you call if you have a question?



Mary Ellen Hardy, 425-385-4032

Dr. Cynthia Jones, 425-385-4030

-or-

Melinda Dyer

Homeless Education Program Supervisor, OSPI

360-725-6050

Note to high school students:

If you are a high school student, living away from your parents and do not have permanent housing (staying in a shelter or with friends/ relatives), these same rights apply to you.

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Designated to handle inquiries about nondiscrimination policies are: Affirmative Action Officer, Carol Stolz, 425-385-4106; Title IX Officer, Randi Seaberg, 425-385-4100; 504 Coordinator, Becky Ballbach, 425-385-4064; ADA Coordinator, Kristine McDowell, 425-385-5250. District office address: 3900 Broadway Ave, Everett, WA 98201 (Email address for each is: FirstInitialLastName@everettsd.org)

Community resources

Everett Housing Authority
425-258-9222

Housing Authority of Snohomish County
425-290-8499

United Way of Snohomish County
425-374-5500

Snohomish County Office of Homelessness
& Community Development
425-388-3267

Interfaith Family Shelter
425-303-9774

YWCA Pathways for Women
425-774-9843

Everett Gospel Mission (men only)
425-252-1297

Women's Gospel Mission (women and children)
425-252-1297

Housing Hope
425-357-6556

Domestic Violence Shelter
425-252-2873

Volunteers of America
425-259-3192

Cocoon House (youth ages 13-17)
425-259-5802

***Are you, or someone
you know ...***



- *Homeless?*
- *In transition?*
- *Living in a shelter or temporary housing with school-aged children?*
- *A youth with no place to live?*

The educational rights and protections of children and youth experiencing homelessness are provided by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. This law is enacted in the Everett Public Schools as the KIT program. KIT, Kids In Transition, provides support and removes barriers to education of homeless children. Please call 425-385-4032 for help.

Your rights in Washington state



If you are the parent or guardian of a school-age child and are without permanent housing, your child has the right to go to school.

(McKinney-Vento Act, rev. 01/2002)

WHO QUALIFIES?

A child or youth is considered homeless and qualifies for services when he or she lacks a nighttime residence that is *fixed, regular, and adequate*.

This may include the following:

- Sharing housing due to economic hardship, loss of housing, or a similar reason.
- Living in motels, campgrounds, trailer parks, or similar locations due to lack of alternative, adequate accommodations.
- Transitional housing and emergency shelters.
- Abandoned in hospitals or awaiting foster care placement.
- Cars, train stations, public spaces, parks, abandoned buildings, and other substandard housing.
- Migrant children, runaways, throwaways (children whose parent will not permit them to live at home).
- Unaccompanied youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Tips for communicating with the school

Ask to speak to the counselor for assistance and inform him or her that you are in a temporary living situation. The counselor will put you in touch with the district liaison or facilitator who will determine your eligibility, and offer resources, and answer any questions you may have. Remember—if your student is remaining in the school of origin, and you are residing outside the Everett Public Schools district boundaries, you are not required to obtain an out-of-district release.

What records does the school need for my child?

- School records
- Birth certificate
- Immunization records

If you are sending your child to a new school, the school must immediately enroll your child even if you can't produce the records they need right away. They will assist you in obtaining the needed records. Proof of residency is not required for enrollment of homeless children.



Your right to be treated fairly

Your child can participate in all the same school activities as other children:

- *Before and after school programs*
- *Counseling*
- *Free school breakfast and lunch*
- *Special Education, bilingual, vocational and gifted programs*
- *School supplies*
- *Title I/ LAP*

If you believe the educational rights of your child have been violated or your child has been discriminated against, you can file a complaint at the school. A good place to look for assistance is to talk with the school district's McKinney-Vento facilitator, Mary Ellen Hardy.

425-385-4032.

Your responsibilities

- *During the school year your child should attend school every day.*
- *If you are transferring your child, you must enroll your child in the school right away.*
- *Ask the school about transportation if you need it.*
- *Ask if support is available to help make up for lost school time.*
- *Communicate with your child's teacher regularly to make sure your child is appropriately progressing.*