

**NORTH CAROLINA AGRICULTURAL AND TECHNICAL STATE UNIVERSITY  
AGGIE ACADEMY**

**HOMELESS STUDENTS**

**I. McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act**

The McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act (“McKinney Vento Act”) is the primary piece of legislation dealing with the education of children and youth experiencing homelessness. The Act is also known as Title X, Part C of the Every Students Succeeds Act.

As required by the North Carolina Constitution and North Carolina law, Aggie Academy is committed to providing a free public school education to all children who are legally entitled to enroll. In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act and the North Carolina State Plan for Educating Homeless Children, Aggie Academy will make reasonable efforts to identify homeless children and youth of school age located within Guilford County, encourage their enrollment, and eliminate barriers to their receiving an education that may exist in existing policies or practices. Based on individual need, homeless students will be provided services available to all students, such as preschool, free or reduced-price school meals, services for English learners, special education, career and technical education (CTE), academically or intellectually gifted (AIG) services, and before- and after-school care.

**II. Definition of Homeless Students**

Homeless students are children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term “homeless student” will also be deemed to include the term “unaccompanied youth,” which includes a youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian. Homeless children and youth include those students who are:

- (1) sharing the house of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- (2) living in motels, hotels, transient trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
- (3) living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- (4) abandoned in hospitals;
- (5) living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as regular sleeping accommodations for human beings;
- (6) living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; or
- (7) living in a migratory situation that qualifies as homeless because the child lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

The provisions of this policy will supersede any and all conflicting provisions in Board policies that address the areas discussed in this policy.

For additional information regarding resources or services for homeless children and youth, please refer to the North Carolina Homeless Education Program website at <https://hepnc.uncg.edu/>, the National Center for Homeless Education website: <https://nche.ed.gov/>, or the U.S. Department of Education Supporting Homeless Students website at <https://www2.ed.gov/about/inits/ed/supporting-homeless-students/index.html>.

Parents and unaccompanied youth should also consult the websites at <https://hepnc.uncg.edu/about/> and [https://nche.ed.gov/ibt/parent\\_res.php](https://nche.ed.gov/ibt/parent_res.php).

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