

CRAFORD PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT
132 Thomas Street
Cranford, New Jersey 07016

McKinney-Vento Act
Homeless Assistance Act
2011-2012

In compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act, the Cranford Public School District is providing information regarding homeless assistance to all families of district students.

The McKinney-Vento Act definition of "homeless" is as follows:

- Children who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.
- Children who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship or are living in motels, hotels or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Children who are living in emergency or transitional shelters, are abandoned or are awaiting foster care placement.
- Children who are living in cars, bus/train stations, parks, public places, abandoned buildings or similar places; and
- Children who are migratory who qualify as homeless and may be living in circumstances as described in previous clauses.

Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Act, as authorized by the No Child Left Behind Act the Department of Education requires that school enrollment guidelines describe (1) successful ways that the state can assist the local educational agencies in immediately enrolling homeless children and youths in school; and (2) how the state and local educational agencies can review immunization, medical and school records and make whatever revisions are appropriate and necessary to facilitate immediate enrollment of children and youth in school.

Under the McKinney-Vento Act Homeless Children and Youths Program, state educational agencies must ensure that homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free public education as is provided to other children and youth.

For more information you may contact:

National SERVE Center
(336)315-7400

<http://www.serve.org/nche>

E-Mail: homeless@serve.org

You may also contact the New Jersey State Coordinator,
Mrs. Anderson-Thomas at (609) 984-4974.