



**HAS YOUR HOUSING SITUATION CHANGED SINCE THE SCHOOL CLOSURE DUE TO COVID-19?
HAVE THE EFFECTS OF COVID-19 CONTRIBUTED TO A LOSS OF YOUR HOUSING?
DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO MIGHT BE IN THIS SITUATION?**

WE ARE HERE TO HELP!

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is federal legislation that was created, in part, to ensure that students who are homeless, or are facing shelter insecurity, have access to the same educational opportunities as all other students, so they can be successful in school.

For educational purposes, homelessness is defined by McKinney-Vento as:

- Children and youth who lack “a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence”
- This definition includes children and youth who MAY be living in the following possible situations:
 - Sharing the house/apartment of family members or friends due to loss of housing, eviction, economic hardship, or similar reason (sometimes referred to as “doubled-up”) and have no other place to live
 - Living in a car, park, campground, camper, on the street, or other inadequate accommodation not designed as a place of residence because you have no other place to live
 - Temporarily living in a motel or hotel or weekly rate housing (i.e. temporary/unstable housing) due to eviction, economic hardship, loss of housing, or similar reason
 - Living in a shelter (family shelter, domestic violence shelter, youth shelter) or transitional living program
 - Living in public or private places that are not designed for regular sleeping accommodations (i.e. bus or train stations, abandoned building, substandard housing where there is no water/heat/electricity, etc.)
 - Migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in similar circumstances listed above
 - Unaccompanied youth (i.e. youth not living in the physical custody of a parent/guardian due to conflict/being kicked, etc.) who qualify as homeless because they are living in similar circumstances listed above

If you, or a family you know, have recently found yourselves in any of the above described circumstances, please reach out to one of Burlington Area School District’s homeless liaisons.

- Lori Radtke, School Social Worker for Cooper Elementary, Waller Elementary, Winkler Elementary, and Lyons Center (262) 955-8955 or Lradtke@basd.k12.wi.us
- Samantha Meyer, School Social Worker for Dyer Intermediate, Karcher Middle School, and Burlington High School (262) 885-1271 or Smeyer@basd.k12.wi.us

If you know of a family who has recently moved to the Burlington Area School District as a result of financial loss or COVID-19, they should enroll in our district as soon as possible. Our staff will work with families to ensure continued access to schooling, as well as attempt to connect you with other needed community resources.

- For families who are new to Burlington and wish to enroll, please call (262) 342-6863 or send an email to Connie Zinnen, Assistant Superintendent, at Czinnen@basd.k12.wi.us

For information about resources, please visit BASD’s website at: <https://www.basd.k12.wi.us/district/coronavirus.cfm>