

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Program

Carolina Achieve Charter School – North Carolina

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## Ensuring Educational Stability for All Students

At **Carolina Achieve**, we are committed to providing every student with a safe, supportive, and consistent education — regardless of their housing situation. Under the **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**, we ensure that children and youth experiencing homelessness have full access to the same free, appropriate public education as other children.

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## Who Qualifies?

Children and youth may be eligible for McKinney-Vento services if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes, but is not limited to:

- Living in shelters, transitional housing, or motels
  - Staying temporarily with friends or relatives due to loss of housing or economic hardship (also known as "doubling up")
  - Living in cars, parks, campgrounds, public spaces, or abandoned buildings
  - Youth who are unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian)
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## Services We Provide

Eligible students at Carolina Achieve may receive:

- **Immediate school enrollment**, even without required documents
- **Transportation assistance** to and from school
- **Free school meals**
- **Access to school supplies and clothing**

- **Support from school counselors and social workers**
  - **Referrals to community resources** for housing, healthcare, and more
  - **Assistance with extracurricular participation** and academic support
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## How to Get Help

If you believe your child may qualify for services under the McKinney-Vento Act, please contact our Homeless Liaison:

### **Ashley Mauck**

McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison

Carolina Achieve Charter School

 Phone: 919.323.8166

 Email: [amauck@carolina-achieve.org](mailto:amauck@carolina-achieve.org)

All information is kept confidential.

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## Your Rights Under McKinney-Vento

Families and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to:

- Enroll and attend school immediately
  - Remain in their school of origin if it is in the student's best interest
  - Receive transportation to and from the school of origin
  - Participate fully in school activities and programs
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## Helpful Resources

- NC Homeless Education Program (NCHEP)
- National Center for Homeless Education (NCHE)

- U.S. Department of Education – McKinney-Vento Act

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## **We're Here to Support You**

No child should have their education interrupted because of housing instability. At Carolina Achieve, we're here to provide support and stability for every student and family.