

Homeless Youth

The Monticello School District Homeless Youth Coordinator is **Denny Folken, Elementary Principal**.

Homeless Coordinator Duties:

- Locate and identify homeless children or youth within the district, whether or not they are enrolled in school *281—IAC 33.3(1)*
- Provide evidence the definition of “homeless” is communicated in staff, parent, and student documents (e.g., newsletters and handbooks) **(HCY4)**
- Post information, at community shelters and other locations in the district where services or assistance is provided to the homeless, regarding the educational rights of homeless children and youth and encouraging homeless children and youth to enroll in the public school **(HCY2)**. *281—IAC 33.3(2)*

Definition of Homeless Youth:

If a student is living in any of the following situations, it is considered to be a homeless situation. In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations, or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing,

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (as it appears in Monticello Schools parent and student handbooks)

Homeless children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended if you or a guardian requests such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs. When you move, you should do the following:

Contact the school district’s local liaison for homeless education (Denny Folken, Shannon and Carpenter School Elementary Principal 319-465-3575) for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging for your child to continue in his or her former school. (Or someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.) Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping your child adjust to new circumstances. Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.