

**Wellesley Public Schools  
Wellesley, Massachusetts**

**Preschool at Wellesley [PAWS]**  
781-446-6222

**Elementary Schools  
Grades K-5**

Katherine Lee Bates Elementary School  
781-446-6270

Joseph E. Fiske Elementary School  
781-446-6265

John D. Hardy Elementary School  
781-446-6270

Hunnewell Elementary School  
781-446-6275

Schofield Elementary School  
781-446-6280

Sprague Elementary School  
781-263-1965

Upham Elementary School  
781-446-6285

**Wellesley Middle School**  
781-446-6235

**Wellesley High School**  
781-446-6290

**Rights of Homeless Students  
And Their Families**

***To go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.***

They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education provided to other children.

***To stay in their original or last school even if they move to another district.***

Homeless students have the right to stay in the school they attended prior to the loss of housing, or to remain in the school they were last enrolled, unless the parent or unaccompanied youth chooses otherwise. This is called the "school of origin".

***To get transportation to their original school.***

School districts must arrange transportation for students in homeless situations so that students can stay at their school of origin, even if students move to a different city, county or school district.

***To immediately enroll in a new school.***

Homeless students who move and wish to enroll in a new school where they are situated while homeless may attend classes immediately, without proof of residency, immunizations, school records or other papers, and without a uniform.

***To automatically receive free breakfast and lunch at a school.***

A shelter worker or parent may contact the school to verify the child's homelessness. The school must immediately begin providing meals based on verification.

***To receive Title I services.***

***To receive all the educational supplemental services that all other children are provided.***

***For more information about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and Massachusetts Advisories, follow the links below.***

**Massachusetts Department of Education Office of McKinney- Vento Homeless Assistance:**  
781-338-6330

**National Center for Homeless Education:**  
800-308-2145 hotline  
[www.hnmeless@serve.org](mailto:www.hnmeless@serve.org)

**National Associate for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)**  
202-364-7392  
[www.nachcv.org](http://www.nachcv.org)

**National Coalition for the Homeless:**  
202-462-4822  
[www.nationalhnmeless.org](http://www.nationalhnmeless.org)

**Child Nutrition Outreach Program:**  
617-723-5000  
[www.meals/4kids.org](http://www.meals/4kids.org)

*If you know a family or student who may be eligible for support through the McKinney-Vento Act, or if you have suggestions for ways the district can support the needs of student in non-permanent housing, please contact WPS Homeless Liaison:*

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## Definition of Homelessness

**Children and youth who lack a regular, adequate and fixed nighttime residence including:**

- Children who share housing with other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship;
- Children who have a nighttime residence not designed for, or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Children living in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Children abandoned in hospitals;
- Children awaiting foster care placement;
- Children living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, public spaces, bus or train stations, motels, campgrounds, or trailer parks;
- Unaccompanied youth.

WELLESLEY PUBLIC SCHOOLS DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF AGE, RACE, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, DISABILITY, RELIGION, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, OR GENDER IDENTITY.

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## McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001

“Supporting the academic achievement of students in non-permanent housing.”

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