



October 18, 2024

Dear Parents and Guardians,

In compliance with the federal **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**, as reauthorized in 2015 by the **Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**, Vision Academy Charter School (VACS) is proactively working to identify any children within our district who may be experiencing homelessness.

The term “homeless children and youth” refers to individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes children and youth who are:

- Sharing housing with others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or campgrounds due to a lack of alternative, adequate accommodations;
- Staying in emergency or transitional shelters;
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations, or similar environments;
- Living in substandard housing (e.g., no running water, inadequate utilities, or unsafe living conditions).

Children experiencing homelessness may qualify for assistance with free school meals, school supplies/materials, tutoring, and transportation to ensure they can remain in their school of origin throughout their period of homelessness.

If you believe your child(ren) may qualify for these services, please contact Mr. Bingham, our School Counselor and Homeless and Foster Youth Liaison, via email at bingham@vacharter.org or by phone at **484-466-2124 (ext. 1103)**.

Additionally, if your living situation changes during the school year and you and your children become homeless, please contact the school. We are committed to working with you to minimize disruption to your child(ren)’s education.

Sincerely,

Dr. Adam Kenz

CEO

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