

**KALAMAZOO PUBLIC SCHOOLS
OTHER AVAILABLE
PROGRAMS/SERVICES**

- ❖ Academically Talented
337-0158
- ❖ Adult Education 337-0422
- ❖ Bilingual/Migrant 337-1579
- ❖ Even Start Family Literacy
337-0097
- ❖ Kalamazoo Promise
337-0037
- ❖ KAMSC 337-0004
(Kalamazoo Area Math &
Science Center)
- ❖ PEEP 337-0095
(PreKindergarten Early
Education Program)
- ❖ Special Education 337-0161
- ❖ Transitional Services
337-0470 (Available to
students 18 to 26 who have
special needs)
- ❖ Teen Parenting
337-0264
- ❖ Title I & School
Improvement 337-0065
- ❖ Transportation 337-0500

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"Don't ever let somebody tell you you
can't do something. You got a dream,
you gotta protect it. If you want
something, go get it. Period"

by Will Smith
playing Chris Gardner
in the "Pursuit of Happyness."

"Surround yourself with positive people
and influences that help you fly - not
those that give you reasons to stay on
the ground"

By D.J. Eagle Bear Vanas



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McKinney-Vento Homeless
Students' Assistance
Program
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EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS NOW

MISSION OF THE OFFICE OF HOMELESS SERVICES PROGRAM

In cooperation with 11 local school districts, under the Kalamazoo Regional Educational Service Agency (KRESA), we can assist parents and their families while they are temporarily between homes.

Educational services available:

- ❖ Assistance with enrollment in school and transfer of student records
- ❖ Liaison services between family and school personnel
- ❖ Assistance with school transportation
- ❖ School supplies and backpacks
- ❖ Referrals to community agencies for food, housing, medical, dental and optical care
- ❖ Tutoring assistance
- ❖ Summer school

WHO ARE HOMELESS STUDENTS?

Students are considered "homeless" if, due to a lack of housing, they reside in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground, on the street, in abandoned buildings or doubled-up with relatives or friends. Families that are participating in a "Transitional Housing Program" are eligible for these services the entire time they are in the program.

WHAT ARE STUDENTS' RIGHTS?

The United States Department of Education's Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act (Public Law 103-382) requires each school district's Board of Education to ensure that homeless students have access to a free, appropriate public education. The McKinney-Vento Act mandates the enrollment and success of homeless children in school, giving them the LEGAL right to:

- ❖ Enroll without proof of residency;
- ❖ Choose either to stay in the school they were in when they lost their home OR go to school nearest their temporary residence; whichever is in the child's best interest;
- ❖ Participate in the same activities and programs offered to other children including free and reduced price meal programs, appropriate special education programs and school social work services;
- ❖ Receive the same transportation services as non-homeless children residing in their district; and
- ❖ Remain in their school as long as they are still homeless or for the remainder of the school year if they find residency outside the district.

This project is funded by the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act through the Michigan Department of Education in cooperation with KRESA school districts.

WHAT THE PROGRAM CAN PROVIDE

(depending on available funding)

- ❖ Transportation
- ❖ Tutoring/Mentoring
- ❖ Bus Tokens/Gas Vouchers
- ❖ Backpacks with School Supplies
- ❖ Educational Books/Games
- ❖ Extensive Referrals
- ❖ Pre-Approved School Pictures
- ❖ Mandated Uniforms
- ❖ Driver's Education
- ❖ Pre-Approved Senior Graduation Packages
- ❖ Pre-Approved Sports Involvement Costs
- ❖ Instruments for Band/Orchestra
- ❖ Summer Camps
- ❖ Field Trips

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