

*Saginaw Public Schools*

# Students Experiencing Homelessness and Foster Care

*December 8, 2025*





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***McKinney Vento Definition of  
Homelessness: Who is  
eligible?***

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.
- Sharing housing of others due to lack of housing, economic hardship or similar reason.
- Living in motels, hotels, camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Living in a public or private place not designed for or regularly used as living accommodations
- Unaccompanied Youth- youth who meets the definition of homeless and is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian



# Students in Michigan Experiencing Homelessness

**2023-2024: Michigan had 35,495 homeless students, an increase from 32,762 in 2022-23 and it is expected that the numbers for the 2024-2025 school year will be reported over previous years.**







# Saginaw Public Schools

Number of students identified as of  
December 5, 2025:

**119 students**

Total number of students identified in  
2024-2025 school year:

**149 students**



# How do we identify students experiencing homelessness?

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- Provide McKinney Vento Training to all Employees
  - Our teachers, counselors, social workers, cafeteria staff, bus drivers, paraprofessionals often hear first of living situations of our students.
- School staff members assist in filling out the McKinney Vento form and send it to Student Services
- Student Services works with the school officials to provide support to the student immediately
- Social Workers and Counselors work with outside agencies to support the students







# Students in Foster Care

The state of Michigan reports approximately 10,000 kids that are entered in the foster care system each year, because birth families can not provide a safe and secure home.

Currently Saginaw Public Schools has 49 foster care students enrolled in our schools.

- Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, contacts the schools and the Student Services Office when placements take place.





# Support

- Transportation to and from school from wherever the student is living
- Clothing necessary for the child to attend and participate in school
- Personal hygiene items
- School supplies
- Cap and gown to participate in graduation commencement
- Snacks
- Mattress, bedding, suitcase, blankets, etc.







During the 2024-2025 school year, SPSD secured a grant (2023 MV ARP Homeless II) to support students experiencing homelessness. Items were purchased and distributed to our students.





# Keeping Kids First!