

Minimum Housing Standards*

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act defines a student as homeless if, in part, a student's residence is not fixed, regular, and adequate. So, exactly what is the definition of an "adequate" home?

- ✓ Home must have separate kitchen and bathroom, each with an operational sink
 - ✓ Kitchen must have functional stove or range with oven
 - ✓ Home must have food refrigeration
 - ✓ Kitchen must have space for storage, preparation and serving of food
 - ✓ Home must have hot and cold running water
- ✓ At least one bathroom must have a bathtub or shower, flush toilet, sink and ensure privacy
 - ✓ Bathrooms must have window or vent
- ✓ Every sleeping room must have a window or door providing access to the outside
 - ✓ Security locks must be on all exterior entrance doors
 - ✓ Windows must have intact insect screens
- ✓ All habitable rooms must have at least two electric outlets
 - ✓ Dwellings must have proper heating facilities
 - ✓ Home must have a solid foundation
- ✓ Home must provide shelter from the weather; Roof does not leak
 - ✓ Home must be free from insect or rodent infestation
- ✓ Home must be of adequate size; A single-family dwelling should house no more than five unrelated persons



*Adequate Housing Standards adapted from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development's Minimum Standards for Habitability