



McKinney-Vento Voice

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FAQ's

Question: Does the family income affect whether they are covered by the Act?

Answer: Generally, No. The McKinney-Vento Act's definition of homelessness centers on the student's living arrangement. There are no specific income limits. There may be situations in which a relatively affluent family may be considered (such as a woman fleeing a domestic violence situation).

Statistically, the mean income of families experiencing homelessness is less than half the federal poverty level.

***National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty**

COOL FIT Update: To all participating schools

Please keep in mind the following deadlines:

***Noon, November 5th:** All COOL FIT vouchers, surveys, and spreadsheets are due to your learning community or alternate contact.

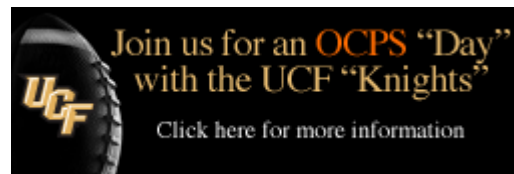
*All Excel electronic order sheets are to be submitted via email to helphomeless@ocps.net on November 5. No scanned copies will be accepted. Order sheets must be sent as an email attachment in Excel.

Please comply with these deadlines (unless you are submitting early). Thank you to the 50 schools that have 100% compliance and have completed their COOL FIT order early!

Please do not forget to utilize the 'angel tree' method for submission for any non-parent responses. If this last resort method is utilized, include the student number only (no names) on the spreadsheet.

Thank you for all you have done in identifying these students and qualifying them for this new clothing program. Deliveries are scheduled for December!

*Did you know a portion of UCF's Homecoming Game tickets will go toward services to OCPS students experiencing homelessness?
Click below for details!*



We are on Facebook! To receive up-to-date information on what is happening with Homeless Education, please "like" us under the name OCPS McKinney-Vento Program.



As the MVP Coordinator at your school, please share this newsletter information with your staff. Thank you!

If you have any questions, please contact the MVP program

407-317-3485

Homeless.ocps.net



National Hunger and Homeless Awareness

November 16-24

We have over 60 Love Pantry locations throughout OCPS that can provide for the emergency nutrition assistance for students experiencing hunger or homelessness. If your school provides emergency food assistance or holiday baskets, please consider including information / brochures to educate families on their rights and community resources. Brochures can be found at our website:

[Information for Parents](#)

Homeless Student Count for 09/27/13: 3,761