

Lapwai School District Superintendent's Weekly Update



Friday, December 6, 2024

*Celebrations & Pictures of Wildcat Scholars
& the Dedicated Staff Who Serve Them*

Wildcat Hero Award

Mrs. Baldwin nominated Braden Picard, 4th Grade, for a Wildcat Hero Award. She recognized him for modeling the Wildcat Way with respectful, responsible, and safe behavior. We are proud of you, Braden!

Nez Perce Cultural Principle:
Interpersonal Relationships





Weekly
Perfect
Attendance
Morgan
McConville
12th Grade



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RIGHTS

OF STUDENT EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Identified Students have the right to:

- Immediate Enrollment--even without all the typical paperwork
- Attend their School of Origin
- Transportation to and from their school of origin
- Comparable Services including free school meals, transportation gifted/talented programs, career and technical education and Title I.
- Access to Services for Which They are Eligible including special education, Head Start and early intervention programs.
- Barrier Removal to ensure full access and participation in school sponsored programs and activities
- Dispute Resolution if the family, guardian, or unaccompanied youth chooses to dispute a district decision about identification, enrollment, or school selection
- UHY Protections including enrollment without guardianship documentation
- Appointment of Homeless Liaison who has the time and capacity to identify, support, and advocate for students experiencing homelessness.



Who is Homeless Under McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act?

Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (per Title IX, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act) defines homeless as follows:



The term **"homeless children and youths"**--

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and

(B) includes: --

(i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;

(ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;

(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

(iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.



NOTICE

Warming Shelters Available

The Shelters will open when the Temperature Drops to 32 degrees or below.

Kamiah Warming Shelter

Wa-A'Yas Community Center / Locker Rooms
401 Idaho Street

Lapwai Warming Shelter

Former Methodist Church
420 Highway 95 N

STAY SAFE & CHECK ON ELDERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS who may need extra care or assistance!

For **EMERGENCIES**, please call 911.

For **NON-EMERGENCIES**, please call Nez Perce County Dispatch at 208-799-3131.

REMEMBER: This is meant as an emergency service!

If there is a more permanent need and questions regarding the WARMING SHELTERS, please call NPTPD 208.843.7141 or Executive Direction Office 208.843.7324.

PLEASE SHARE this information with friends, family, and other community members!

The McKinney-Vento Act: Parent-Student Rights

Idaho public schools shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every student experiencing homelessness or transition shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth, applied to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

A student may be considered eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living:

- In temporary shared housing, a shelter, or transitional living program
- In a hotel/motel, campground, or similar situation due to lack of alternatives
- At a bus station, park, car, or abandoned building
- According to the McKinney-Vento Act, eligible students have rights to:

***Immediate enrollment:** *Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school.*

***School Selection:** Eligible students have a right to select from the following schools:

- The school he/she attended when permanently housed (School of Origin)
- The school in which he/she was last enrolled (School of Origin)
- The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides (School of Residency)

***Remain enrolled** *in his/her selected school for the duration of homelessness, or until the academic year upon which they are permanently housed.*

***Participate in programs** *for which they are eligible, including Title I tutoring programs, Free Lunch in schools with the, National School Lunch Program, Head Start & Even Start Preschool Programs.*

***Transportation Services:** *A McKinney-Vento eligible student attending his/her School of Origin has a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin.*

***Dispute Resolution:** *If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district. The school district must respond and attempt to resolve it quickly. During the dispute, the student must be immediately enrolled in the school and provided transportation until the matter is resolved. The McKinney Vento Liaison will assist you in making decision, providing notice of any appeal process, and filling out dispute forms.*

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REMINDER: As we approach the winter season, should school closures or late starts due to weather be necessary you will be alerted with our autodialing phone message program. Please make sure your contact numbers are current with the school. In addition to this call, Lapwai School District closures will also be reported by the following television and radio stations:



Late Start & Closure Notifications

NEW

Facebook Page
Lapwai District Schools



Big Country News

**Television
Stations:**

KREM Channel 2
KXLY Channel 4
KHQ Channel 6

Radio Stations:

KIYE



Lapwai School District Late Starts



With the arrival of winter, please remember there are *two* possible responses to hazardous road conditions:

- School Closure
- Late Start - 10:00 a.m.

BUS STUDENTS ON A LATE START DAY:

Busses will run 2 hours late - Add two hours to your pick up time

Example: If your pick-up time is normally 7:00 a.m., your late start pick-up time will be 9:00 a.m.



NO PRESCHOOL AT LAPWAI ELEMENTARY ON LATE START DAYS
BREAKFAST WILL NOT BE SERVED ON LATE START DAYS

STAFF ARE REQUESTED TO REPORT TO SCHOOL BY 9:30 a.m.
SCHOOL STARTS AT 10:00 a.m.

- Regular and punctual attendance remain crucial on late start days in order to continue the option.
- Please keep your contact information up to date with your child's school to receive school closure notifications.

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Happy Holidays!

