

## **TORCHLIGHT ACADEMY**

Under the ESSA and McKinney-Vento Homeless Student Act, Torchlight Academy participates in the N.C. Homeless Education Program. <https://hepnc.uncg.edu/> Our local contact information is as follows:

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### **Who is considered homeless?**

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, the term “homeless children and youths” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes children and youths: who are sharing the housing of others 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; 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; who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and who are migratory children who live in one of the above circumstances.

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