



**Please come see  
Yesenia Chavez at  
the Kennewick  
Administration  
Center**

If you or someone you  
know may qualify as a  
Student in Transition

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Parents have the right to appeal the decision of placement by:

- Step 1 Contacting in writing the District Liaison
- Step 2 Contacting in writing the School Superintendent
- Step 3 Contacting in writing the Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction

The full explanation of the appeal process can be obtained on the KSD website [www.ksd.org](http://www.ksd.org) under Administrative Regulation #3115

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# Students in Transition



## Identifying and Assisting Kennewick School District's Students in Transition population

## Who are Students in Transition?

According to the McKinney-Vento Act, Homeless Children and Youth are:

**Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence...**

This includes:

- ◆ Students doubled-up, sharing housing of others, couch surfing, and **\*unaccompanied youth**.
- ◆ Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- ◆ Living in a motel or hotel.
- ◆ Living in a short term trailer park or campground.
- ◆ Sleeping in a public or private place that is not designed for regular sleeping accommodations.
- ◆ Sleeping in substandard housing or bus or train stations, etc.



## What is the McKinney Vento Act?

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that ensures immediate enrollment and educational stability for homeless children and youth. It also may allow students to remain enrolled in their school of origin even if they move outside their school boundaries (if feasible). McKinney-Vento provides federal funding to states for the purpose of supporting district programs that serve homeless students by assisting with:

- ◆ School stability
- ◆ School access
- ◆ Support for academic success
- ◆ Child-centered, best interest decision making



## Services for qualified Students may include:

- ◆ Transportation to and from school
- ◆ Free school breakfasts and lunches
- ◆ School Supplies
- ◆ Clothing Vouchers
- ◆ Referrals to Social Service Agencies (i.e. medical, dental, vision, etc.)



\* Unaccompanied Youth:

- ◆ Student that is not in the physical custody of parent or guardian; student is “couch surfing” not living at a regular, fixed or adequate location.