

Educational Rights of Homeless Students under the McKinney-Vento Act

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible; if the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs

Local Resources

Atascosa Health Center
310 W. Oaklawn
Pleasanton, Tx 78064
Medical: 830-569-2527
Dental: 830-569-5818
WIC Program: 830-569-2388

Camino Real Community Services
1749 Hwy 97 East
Jourdanton, Tx 78026
830-767-2322

Christian Assistance Ministries
500 Avenue H
Poteet, Tx 78065
830-783-9411

Poteet Housing Authority
120 Avenue E
Poteet, Tx 78065
830-742-3589

Safe Path Family Violence Shelter
830-569-2001

Workforce Solutions
1411 Bensdale Rd
Pleasanton, Texas 78064
830-569-4702



**POTEET ISD
2022-2023**

**McKinney-Vento
(Homeless) Program**



**Student Services
Department
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Poteet, Texas 78065**

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Poteet ISD

McKinney-Vento (Homeless) Program

Poteet ISD is committed to ensuring that each student who qualifies for services under the McKinney Vento Act, receives all the support and guidance needed to achieve academic success.

The Poteet ISD Program supports students and families by providing yearly training to district staff, performing community outreach, and removing barriers that interfere with school attendance and academic progress.

The Poteet ISD Homeless Liaison abides by all McKinney-Vento federal and state laws. The liaison works in partnership with local community entities, shelters, food pantries, clinics, and numerous charitable organizations in an effort to share the information with the parents/guardians of students identified as homeless.

Who Qualifies? Application Process?

- Families that are sharing housing with other families, or persons, due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reasons.
- Families that are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, cars, substandard housing, abandoned buildings, campgrounds, or in an RV.
- Families living in emergency or transitional shelters.
- An unaccompanied youth (not living with a parent or guardian) living in a temporary situation due to loss of housing and,
- Migratory children who qualify based on the above circumstances.

APPLICATION:

- Complete a **Residential Survey** (included in the registration packet).
- Should a student's residency change at any time during the school year, a copy of the survey can be requested at any campus or from the Parent Liaison.

A student's rights under the McKinney-Vento Act include:

- ⇒ Receive a free and appropriate public education
- ⇒ Receive support from the school district's McKinney-Vento Liaison
- ⇒ Enroll in school immediately
- ⇒ Access the same programs and services as other students
- ⇒ Receive free/reduced lunch

Students may also qualify for:

- ⇒ Extra academic support
- ⇒ School supplies
- ⇒ Referrals for health care, housing, and local resources.
- ⇒ Referral to a district Licensed Counselor, if needed/requested