

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal 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.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



Local Liaison
Kenny Chaffin
580-924-1276

State Coordinator

If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-308-2145 ★ homeless@serve.org ★ www.serve.org/nche

INFORMACIÓN PARA LOS JÓVENES DE EDAD ESCOLAR



SI VIVES EN CUALQUIERA DE LAS SITUACIONES SIGUIENTES:

En un albergue



En un motel o un sitio para acampar debido a la falta de una alternativa adecuada



En un parque, un edificio abandonado, o una estación de trenes o de autobuses



Compartiendo la vivienda de otras personas debido a la pérdida de tu casa
o a una dificultad económica

Podrías calificar para recibir ciertos derechos y protecciones bajo la ley federal McKinney-Vento.

Estudiantes elegibles tienen derecho a:

- Recibir una educación pública gratuita y apropiada.
- Inscribirse en la escuela inmediatamente, aunque falten documentos normalmente requeridos para la inscripción.
- Inscribirse y asistir a clases mientras que la escuela obtiene los documentos necesarios.
- Inscribirse en la escuela local; o continuar asistiendo a la escuela de origen (la escuela a la cual asistió el estudiante cuando tenía una residencia permanente, o la última escuela en la cual estaba inscrito), si esto es su preferencia y es factible.

* Si el distrito escolar cree que la escuela escogida no es la mejor para el estudiante, el distrito tiene que darle al estudiante una explicación escrita de su posición e informarle de su derecho de apelar su decisión.

- Recibir transporte a/de la escuela de origen, si se lo pide.
- Recibir servicios educacionales comparables a los que están provistos para otros estudiantes, según la necesidad del estudiante.

Si crees que podrías ser elegible, contacta al oficial para la educación de los niños y jóvenes sin hogar del distrito escolar para averiguar los servicios y ayudas que podrían estar disponibles.



Oficial para la educación de los niños y jóvenes sin hogar

Kenny Chaffin
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Coordinador estatal

Si necesitas ayuda adicional con tus necesidades educacionales, contacta al
Centro Nacional de Educación para los Niños y Jóvenes sin Hogar
1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * www.serve.org/nche

Duties of a Local McKinney-Vento Liaison

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F-1. What are the responsibilities of the local liaison for homeless children and youths?

The local liaison serves as one of the primary contacts between homeless families and school staff, district personnel, shelter workers, and other service providers. Every LEA, whether or not it receives a McKinney-Vento subgrant, is required to designate a local liaison. (Section 722(g)(1)(J)(ii)). The liaison coordinates services to ensure that homeless children and youths enroll in school and have the opportunity to succeed academically.

Local liaisons must ensure that:

- Homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- Homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have full and equal opportunity to succeed in, the school or schools of the LEA;
- Homeless families and homeless children and youths have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs), early intervention services under Part C of the IDEA, and other preschool programs administered by the LEA;
- Homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health, dental, mental health, and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;
- Parents or guardians of homeless children and youths are informed of educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children;
- Public notice of the educational rights of homeless students is disseminated in locations frequented by parents and guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians and unaccompanied youths;
- Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Act;
- Parents and guardians and unaccompanied youths are fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to and from the school of origin and are assisted in accessing transportation services;
- School personnel receive professional development and other support; and
- Unaccompanied youths are enrolled in school, have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards as the State establishes for other children and youths, are informed of their status as independent students under section 480 of the Higher Education Act of 1965 (HEA) (20 U.S.C. 1087vv), and their right to receive verification of this status from the local liaison.

Title IX, Part A - McKinney - Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth program is designed to address the problems that homeless children and youth have faced in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. Under this program, State educational agencies must ensure that each homeless child and youth has equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as other children and youth.

Homeless children and youth must have access to the educational and other services that they need to enable them to meet the same challenging State student academic achievement standards to which all students are held. In addition, homeless students may not be separated from the mainstream school environment.

States and districts are required to review and undertake steps to revise laws, regulations, practices, or policies that may act as a barrier to the enrollment, attendance, or success in school of homeless children and youth.

If you think a child may be in a homeless situation, please give me a call at 580-924-1276. As the Homeless Liaison, I will be glad to work with you to help.

Sincerely,

Kenny Chaffin, Assistant Superintendent

Durant Schools