

Benefits of students staying in the same school:

Transitioning families may move multiple times per year.

It takes a child 4-6 months to recover academically after a move.

Schools provide stability for not only students but families.

McKinney –Vento Act gives rights to transitioning families to stay in the same school for at least a year or whatever school is in the best interest of the student.

Enrollment can be hard. Qualifying as transitioning families. You can have support for documentations and immediate enrollment.

Qualifying families can gain assistance with school supplies, tutoring, and activities that are beneficial.

Qualifying families will have a support for assistance with removing barriers towards stable housing.



Common Questions:

What school may children go to if in transition?

Keeping in mind which best meets the needs of the child, child may go to either: The school closest to the child's temporary home or the school the child last attended.

What happens if you get a permanent home during the school year?

The child may still be able to stay in the same school for the remainder of the school.

What happens if a family loses housing over the summer?

The child can still attend the same school for the following year or attend the school closest to the temporary home.

Can schools tell anyone that child and their family are in transition?

NO! The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act requires schools and school districts to protect privacy of students.

How quickly can a transitioning student be enrolled?

Immediately. The school must enroll even without records usually required, while obtaining the records.

How will the transitioning child get to school?

Free transportation to and from school is required to be provided.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act



Ensuring Educational Rights, Resources and Protection for Youth and Children in transition.

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RIGHTS OF TRANSITIONING FAMILIES AND YOUTH

Transitioning Students Have the Right to:

- Enroll in school without having a permanent address.
- Immediate enrollment, even if they don't have all of their paperwork - for example, medical/health records, proof of residency, former school records, immunization records
- Remain in their school of origin ("school of origin" means the school a child attended when permanently housed or in which he/she was last enrolled).
- Access to all of the school's programs and services on the same basis as all other students, including special education, migrant education, vocational education, school nutrition programs (school breakfast and lunch), and extra-curricular programs.
- Receive assistance with transportation to school.
- Have access to a dispute resolution process through the Department of Education when they disagree with a school about how the McKinney-Vento Act applies in their situation.

WHAT CAN CAMPBELL CONNECTION DO?

- ⇒ Connect families in transition to any needed services or resources
- ⇒ Ensure students in transition have transportation to school if needed
- ⇒ Communicate with families to help with grades, absences, or any other needs for students.
- ⇒ Support for any academic or extracurricular activities
- ⇒ Ensure transitioning families have equal access to school programs
- ⇒ Assist with enrollment and access of needed records
- ⇒ Provide tutoring, reading assistance, etc.
- ⇒ Access to Preschool Programs
- ⇒ Free School Lunch Program
- ⇒ School Stability for students in transition

WHO ARE FAMILIES IN TRANSITION?

Is your family living in a temporary or inadequate housing situation due to a loss of housing?

Examples are:

Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason

Living in motels, hotels, camping grounds due to lack of adequate alternative accommodations

Living in emergency or transitional shelters

Awaiting foster care placement

Living in private or public place not meant for humans to live.

Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, bus or train stations.

Youth not in the physical custody of their guardian or parent.

If any of these apply you may be eligible for certain educational rights and services.

