Hillsborough County
PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Preparing Students for Life

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act
At a Glance

McKinney-Vento Act

Children and Youth who...

- ***Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and as a result they are:***
- Sharing the housing of other persons temporarily *due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason* (doubled-up).
- Living in an emergency shelter or transitional housing, or abandoned in hospitals.
- Living in a car, park, public spaces, abandoned building, a bus or train station, substandard housing, or a similar setting.
- Living in a hotel, motel, AirBnB, temporary trailer park, or camping ground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Unaccompanied Youth, not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and living in one (1) of the above circumstances.
- Migratory children living in one (1) of the above circumstances.

Student Rights

Students identified as McKinney-Vento eligible have the right to...

- Immediate school enrollment and attendance at either the ***school of origin*** (the school last attended before they lost their housing) **or** the ***neighborhood school*** *(*the school they are zoned for based upon their current temporary residence).even without required enrollment documentation. *A thirty (30) day grace period iis granted in which the School Social Worker assist parents with obtaining necessary enrollment documents.*
- Remain at their ***school of origin*** for the duration of the school year even if they move outside of the school's attendance zone.
- Transportation to and from the ***school of origin*** for the duration of the current school year.
- Receive free breakfast and lunch immediately for the duration of the school year.
- Receive prompt resolutions about school placement/enrollment, to include special education, bilingual education, gifted, and remedial programs.

H.E.L.P. Services

The H.E.L.P. office can...

- Assist with McKinney-Vento identification and school enrollment.
- Assist with the development of an academic plan and post-secondary planning.
- Provide academic support and tutoring services.
- Provide back pack, school supplies, and uniforms.
- Coordinate transportation to and from "school of origin".
- Provide bus passes or gas cards as an alternative methods of transportation ***while waiting*** for an approval from the district's transportation office. *This applies to transportation request submitted through the H.E.L.P. Office.*
- Facilitate parent educational workshops.
- Provide referrals to community agencies.
- Collaborate and consult with all school staff about needs of all students who have been identified under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Homeless Education and Literacy Program (H.E.L.P.)

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