

MCKINNEY VENTO & FOSTER CARE SERVICES



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FOSTER CARE

RECORDS NEEDED FOR ENROLLMENT:

- Identity of parent or legal guardian/legal authority
 - Proof of residence
 - Proof of the child's identity
 - Immunization records
- School records from last school attended
- For children under age 11, records from ALL the student's previously attended schools

There are two primary documents that a school can request from a caregiver to confirm that the child or youth is in foster care and that the caregiver has the education decision-making authority for the child:

- 1.) The DFPS Placement Authorization Form 2085
- 2.) DFPS Designation Of Education Decision Maker Form 2085-E or
- 3.) a court order

Documents containing information regarding the student's status as a youth in foster Care are confidential.

ENROLLMENT:

Under Texas law, students in foster care are entitled to immediate enrollment when arriving at a new school or District - regardless of whether they have the necessary documentation and paperwork. CPS caseworkers are required to enroll a child in school within three (3) school days of the child either: a) being placed in CPS custody; or b) moving to a new school or placement. The caseworker then has up to 30 days to provide all necessary enrollment paperwork to the new school.

MCKINNEY-VENTO SERVICES

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- A Homeless shelter
- Doubled-up with other people
- Car, park, empty building, bus or train station
- Motel or campground

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. Student can attend classes while the school gathers documents needed.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin if that is your preference
- Receive free transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested
- Free meals for students at school
- Received educational serves comparable to those provided to other students, according to your child's needs.
- Access to TISD's McKinney Vento Case Manager

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available to you.