

# Gilbert Public Schools: McKinney-Vento Training



#### Overview

- The McKinney-Vento Act is to serve students and families who are in transition.
- McKinney-Vento Students will be lacking the following nighttime residence:
  - Fixed: residency that is stationary, permanent or not subject to change
  - Regular: residency that is used on a predictable, routine or consistent basis
  - Adequate: residency that is sufficient for meeting both physical and psychological needs that are typically met in a home environment.

Consider: Can the student go to the <u>SAME PLACE</u> (fixed) <u>EVERY NIGHT</u> (regular) to sleep in a <u>SAFE and SUFFICIENT SPACE</u> (adequate)?



#### Identification

- Students and families who are in transition may reside in the following nighttime residencies:
  - <u>Sheltered:</u> Students who temporarily reside in shelters, such as homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters or transitional housing facilities.
  - <u>Hotel/Motel:</u> Students who temporarily reside in a hotel or motel due to lack of alternative accommodations.
  - <u>Unsheltered:</u> Students who temporarily reside in vehicles, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings, campgrounds, or inadequate trailer parks.
  - <u>Doubled-Up:</u> Students who temporarily share residency of another person, friend or relative, due economic hardship or loss housing.
  - Unaccompanied youth living in any of the above circumstances and not in the physical custody of a legal parent or guardian, are also considered under the McKinney-Vento Act.



#### Enrollment

- Students who have been qualified under the McKinney-Vento Act are to be enrolled into their school of residency or origin <u>immediately</u>.
- They may be lacking the following documentation:
  - Birth Certificates
  - Previous school records
  - Immunization records
  - Proof of residency



#### **Enrollment Continued**

- Students and Families in transition do have the right to <u>School of Origin</u> or <u>School of Residency</u>.
- School of Origin:
  - The school attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
  - The designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools.
- <u>School of Residency</u>:
  - The school designated for the attendance area in which the student currently resides.
- School Selection is in the <u>Best Interest</u> of the child.
- Students in transition are able to attend their school of origin for the duration of their homelessness or til the end of an academic year.



## Transportation

- Transportation must be provided to students in transition that are comparable to transportation services that are provided to other students.
- Transportation is determined based on what is in the Child's Best Interest.
- Transportation should be set up within 3-4 business days.
- Students who are in transition are held to the same behavioral standards as all students.



#### Services Provided

- Breakfast and Lunch
- Transportation
- Academic Costs Covered:
  - Class Fees
  - Field Trip Fees
  - Instrument Rentals
  - Chromebook Insurance



### Questions?

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