

Every child has a right to an education.

The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvements Act and Texas state law protect the rights of homeless children and youth to receive a free and appropriate public education. Nearly everyone in Texas who is between the ages of 5 and 21 on September 1 of the school year and has not been expelled has the right to attend school, even if they:

- Do not have a permanent address
- Have a previous address in another town or state
- Do not live with a parent or legal guardian
- Live temporarily doubled-up with friends or family
- Sleep in a shelter
- Sleep in a campground, car, abandoned building, or other facility not designed for, or ordinarily used as regular accommodations for, human beings
- Do not have school records



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WACO ISD HIGHLY MOBILE STUDENT SERVICES

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Services

In order to ensure that students in homeless situations have the opportunity to enroll in, attend, and succeed in school, the following services may be explored:

- Enrollment Assistance
- Free School Meals
- Transportation Services
- School Selection Provisions
- Access to Special Education

Enroll your child in school.

You can enroll your child even if you are missing immunization records, school records, and proof of residency. In most instances, the local registrar will be able to assist with enrollment. Contact those listed on the back of this brochure for further assistance.

Keep copies of critical records:

immunizations, Social Security number, health physicals, & individualized education plans (IEPs).



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Mission

Waco ISD's office of Highly Mobile Student Services serves students experiencing homelessness and students in foster care. Our staff works with local educational agencies and the greater Waco community to implement educational and support services for students in mobile living situations. In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Act and the State of Texas, we are entrusted with the task of helping to remove barriers and to provide supports that assist homeless and foster students to stay in school and graduate.

Ask questions

- Is transportation available for my child to stay in the same school?
- Will someone help us transfer records quickly when we move?
- Is there a pre-school program?
- Should my child be tested for special education?
- Can my child receive free meals at school?
- Are school supplies available?
- Is there after-school study halls or tutoring available?
- Are special counseling services available for my child?