

Homeless Youth Achievement Program McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Supporting students and families experiencing housing instability

Who is eligible for McKinney-Vento?

The **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** gives educational rights and protections to youth experiencing homelessness, or those who do not have an "adequate, fixed, or regular" nighttime accommodation. This may include youth and families who are:

- Displaced due to natural disaster (fire, earthquake)
- Staying in motels or hotels
- Living in a car, motor-home, van, or trailer
- In a place not meant for sleeping (such as a business, garage, or storage unit)
- In shared housing with friends/family due to financial crisis, or loss of housing
- In a shelter (domestic violence, emergency, etc).
- In an unstable residence that often changes
- Living in a place that does not meet basic needs such as safety, security, shelter, food, and water
- Unaccompanied, runaway, or migratory youth

Program Mission and Vision

The mission and vision of the Homeless Youth Achievement Program align with the HSD Mission Statement, which is to develop a community of **lifelong learners, creative thinkers, and responsible individuals** by providing high quality educational programs in a safe and supportive environment.

The Homeless Youth Achievement Program promotes educational achievement and socio-emotional well-being with comprehensive services for youth and families. Our vision is to provide **equitable opportunities for students who are homeless to achieve and succeed.**

Educational Rights of Youth who are Homeless



The right to **immediate enrollment** in the *school of origin* or *school of residence* as defined by law.



The right to **attend and fully participate in school activities for which the youth is eligible** including before/after school programs, campus clubs, and sports teams.



The **right to school stability** while the youth is homeless. If (s)he becomes permanently housed, this right extends until the end of the school year.



Students in **11th** and **12th** grade may qualify for AB1806 minimum graduation requirements to earn a high school diploma.



Eligibility for **Title I, Part A** funds for reasonable and necessary education services (school supplies, tutoring, school uniforms, SAT/AP test fees, etc.)



Right to **privacy and confidentiality** regarding the student and family's status as homeless.

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Services for Students and Families



District and School Homeless Youth Liaisons to connect families with school and community resources, and to advocate for student rights.



Access to **school-based socio-emotional support** and the Community Resource Team for youth and family mental health services.



Transportation assistance for eligible students with available District and community resources.



Fedde MS Community Resource Center has a community closet, health center, on-site mental health agencies, and adult education classes.



Referrals to Los Angeles County Family Solutions Centers for housing assistance programs.



Access to **Free and Reduce-Priced Meals** at school.

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