HUMBOLDT
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

The school district must provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student will have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

A student may be considered eligible for services as a "homeless child or youth" under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she currently lives:

 Duplicated with family/friends due to financial difficulties.

• In a shelter, temporary shared housing, or transitional housing program • In a hotel/motel, camp, or similar situation due to a lack of alternatives • In a bus station, park, car, or abandoned building • Under the McKinney-Vento Homelessness Act, eligible students have the right to:

Immediate enrollment: Documentation and vaccination records cannot serve as a barrier to school enrollment.

School Selection: Eligible McKinney-Vento students have the right to choose from the following schools:

 The school you attended when you had permanent housing (Home School) The school you were last enrolled in (Home School) The school in the attendance area where the student currently resides (Residence School) Remain enrolled in your selected school for the duration of homelessness, or until the end of the academic year in which you are permanently housed.

Participate in programs for which they are eligible, including Title I, the National School Lunch Program, Head Start, Even Start, etc.

Transportation Services: A student eligible for McKinney-Vento who attends their home school is entitled to transportation to and from that home school.

Dispute Resolution: If you disagree with school officials regarding the enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you can file a complaint with the school district. The school district must respond and attempt to resolve the matter promptly. During the dispute, the student must be enrolled in school immediately and provided with transportation until the issue is resolved.

The homelessness liaison will help the student make decisions, notify them of any appeals process, and complete dispute forms.

For more information, see http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/homeless/ or contact:

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