

Resources for Transitioning Students

The McKinney-Vento Act requires all School Districts have a Liaison in charge of making sure students in transition can enroll and succeed in school.

YOUR LIAISON WILL:

- Identify youth and families experiencing homelessness and transitional housing to assist with immediate school enrollment
- Conduct a needs assessment and create a stability plan with parents and unaccompanied youth
- Refer out to providers of housing & rental assistance, locating primary health care, legal assistance, behavioral health, vision & dental
- Connect qualifying families to Kinship Care and career planning
- Assist in enrollment of health insurance, obtaining vital documents, and other State benefits such as food assistance, TANF & WIC
- Provide guidance through rental & subsidized housing applications
- Advocate on behalf of students and families to other community service providers



Meet Your Liaison

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FAMILIES IN TRANSITION



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Who Qualifies?

Under the Federal McKinney-Vento Act, "Homeless children and youths" are defined as "individuals who lack a fixed, adequate, and regular nighttime residence."

This includes:

- Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing or economic hardship (otherwise known as "Doubled-Up")
- Living in Motels/Hotels, RV, vehicles, campgrounds or public spaces due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Emergency or transitional shelters
- Unaccompanied youth or "youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian" **not** currently residing in Foster Care
- Inadequate facilities (domicile has no running water and/or electricity)

THE MCKINNEY-VENTO PROGRAM CAN PROVIDE:

- Waived Student fees/fines
- ASB Cards
- Financial Assistance for School Clothes & School Supplies
- Transportation arrangements to School of origin
- Weekend Food Bags
- College Application Fees & Assistance applying for FAFSA
- Graduation Fees (Cap & Gown)
- Sports equipment & Sports Physicals
- Vocational Program gear (scrubs, work boots, etc.)
- Field Trip & Extracurricular activity expenses
- Hygiene supplies
- Laundry & YMCA vouchers
- Costs associated with obtaining vital records (ID Card, Birth Certificate, Social Security Card)
- Free School Meals & Textbooks

WHAT DOES "SCHOOL OF ORIGIN" MEAN?

"School of origin" means that any child who has lost their housing has the right to continue attending the school they were attending before having to move. School districts **must** provide or arrange transportation for students to remain in their school of origin, even if they move out of district or county.

Are there any special considerations for families who lack fixed housing?

YES. MCKINNEY-VENTO GUARANTEES ALL TRANSITIONING STUDENTS THE RIGHT TO ALL EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN SCHOOL. THIS INCLUDES:

- The right to enroll in a new school **without:**
 - Vaccine records
 - Proof of residency
 - Academic records
 - Birth Certificates
 - Medical records
- The right to remain in school of origin even if they move
- The right to utilize preschool programs
- The right to special education programs, gifted & talented, and after-school programs (when available)
- The right to full participation in extra-curricular activities