



# MISD McKinney-Vento Quick Guide

## School supports for students and families experiencing housing instability

**YOU MAY QUALIFY, even without living in a shelter.** The law protects students who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence.

**This can include:** temporarily staying with others due to loss of housing or hardship; living in a motel, shelter, transitional housing, vehicle or other inadequate setting; or living without a parent/guardian's physical or financial support.

### YOUR EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

- Remain in the school of origin when it is in the student's best interest, even after moving outside normal boundaries.
- Enroll immediately in the school serving the current location, even when typical documents are not available.
- Receive transportation support to the school of origin when feasible.
- Receive free school meals and waiver of school fees, including ASB, parking, field trips, PE and class lab fees.
- Access help with academic supports, school supplies, basic clothing and connections to community services.

### HOW TO CONNECT WITH MISD

**Families, students, caregivers or staff may contact:**

- A school counselor or registrar at any MISD school
- MISD McKinney-Vento District Liaison - Jamie Prescott

**Jamie Prescott | MISD McKinney-Vento Liaison**

**206-236-3445 | [jamie.prescott@mercerislandschools.org](mailto:jamie.prescott@mercerislandschools.org)**

**[MISD McKinney-Vento webpage](#) | [Student Housing Questionnaire](#)**

Information is handled thoughtfully and shared only as needed to arrange support.

### COMMUNITY RESOURCES

#### **SUN Bucks (WA DSHS)**

Summer grocery benefit for eligible school-age children; one-time \$120 benefit per eligible child each summer.

#### **King County Housing Authority**

Affordable-housing information. KCHA does not provide emergency shelter; for immediate homelessness services, use KCRHA or call 211.

#### **King County Regional Homelessness Authority**

Housing-crisis resources, Coordinated Entry and Regional Access Points. Families needing same-day shelter may call 206-245-1026.

#### **Hopelink**

Food, housing, financial, energy, transportation and family supports for north and east King County: 425-869-6000.

#### **Mercer Island Youth & Family Services**

Free food access, including the Hopelink Mobile Market; emergency financial/employment help. Confidential voicemail: 206-275-7657.

#### **NEED HELP FINDING A SERVICE?**

Call 211 for local health and human-service referrals. In immediate danger, call 911.

**Housing situations can change quickly. Reaching out early helps MISD reduce barriers and keep students connected to school.**