## Gilbert Public Schools: McKinney-Vento Training

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## Overview

- The McKinney-Vento Act is to serve students and families who are in transition.
- McKinney-Vento Students will be lacking the following nighttime residence:
$>$ Fixed: residency that is stationary, permanent or not subject to change
$>$ Regular: residency that is used on a predictable, routine or consistent basis
$>$ Adequate: residency that is sufficient for meeting both physical and psychological needs that are typically met in a home environment.

Consider: Can the student go to the SAME PLACE (fixed) EVERY NIGHT (regular) to sleep in a SAFE and SUFFICIENT SPACE (adequate)?

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## Identification

- Students and families who are in transition may reside in the following nighttime residencies:
- Sheltered: Students who temporarily reside in shelters, such as homeless shelters, domestic violence shelters or transitional housing facilities.
- Hotel/Motel: Students who temporarily reside in a hotel or motel due to lack of alternative accommodations.
- Unsheltered: Students who temporarily reside in vehicles, bus or train stations, abandoned buildings, campgrounds, or inadequate trailer parks.
- Doubled-Up: Students who temporarily share residency of another person, friend or relative, due economic hardship or loss housing.
- Unaccompanied youth living in any of the above circumstances and not in the physical custody of a legal parent or guardian, are also considered under the McKinney-Vento Act.


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## Enrollment

- Students who have been qualified under the McKinney-Vento Act are to be enrolled into their school of residency or origin immediately.
- They may be lacking the following documentation:
- Birth Certificates
- Previous school records
- Immunization records
- Proof of residency


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## Enrollment Continued

- Students and Families in transition do have the right to School of Origin or School of Residency.
- School of Origin:
- The school attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- The designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools.
- School of Residency:
- The school designated for the attendance area in which the student currently resides.
- School Selection is in the Best Interest of the child.
- Students in transition are able to attend their school of origin for the duration of their homelessness or til the end of an academic year.


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## Transportation

- Transportation must be provided to students in transition that are comparable to transportation services that are provided to other students.
- Transportation is determined based on what is in the Child's Best Interest.
- Transportation should be set up within 3-4 business days.
- Students who are in transition are held to the same behavioral standards as all students.


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## Services Provided

- Breakfast and Lunch
- Transportation
- Academic Costs Covered:
- Class Fees
- Field Trip Fees
- Instrument Rentals
- Chromebook Insurance


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## Questions?

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