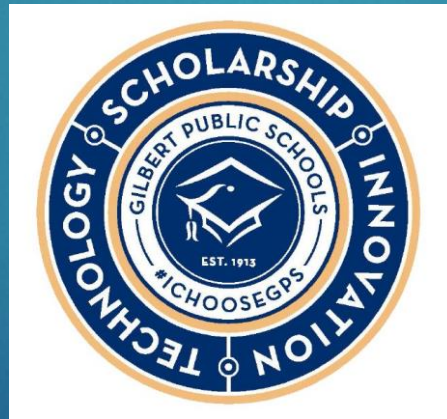


# Gilbert Public Schools: McKinney Vento Training

FOR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN TRANSITION



# 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 use 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)?

# 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 building, campgrounds or inadequate trailer parks.
  - ▶ **Doubled-up:** Students who temporarily share residency of another person, friend or relative, due to economic hardship or loss of housing.
  - ▶ Unaccompanied youth living in any of the above circumstances and not in the physical custody of a parent, are also considered under the McKinney Vento Act.

# 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 residence

# 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 students 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 till the end of an academic year.

# 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 transitions, are held to the same behavior standards as all students.

# Services Provided

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

# Questions?

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