



MCKINNEY VENTO

RIGHTS OF STUDENTS AND FAMILIES IN TRANSITION

WHO IS HOMELESS?

Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Act defines the term “homeless children and youths” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including

- i. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- ii. children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- iii. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- iv. migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii). -NCHE

EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, homeless children and youth have the right to

- ▶ receive a free, appropriate public education.
 - ▶ enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
 - ▶ enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
 - ▶ enroll in the local school; or continue attending the school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), according to each student’s best interest.
- * If the school district believes that the school selected is not in the student’s best interest, the district must provide the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of its position and inform the parent, guardian, or youth of the right to appeal its decision.
- ▶ receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
 - ▶ receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to each student’s needs. -NCHE

Contact Me!

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MCKINNEY VENTO SERVICES

- Breakfast and Lunch
- Class Fees
- Field Trip Fees
- Instrument Rental
- Chrome Book Insurance
- Transportation

FOSTER CARE SERVICES

- Transportation

FOSTER CARE STUDENTS

- Foster Care- 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the child welfare agency (DCS or tribal) has placement and care responsibility.
- School of Origin- the school in which a child is enrolled at the time of placement in foster care. If a child's foster care placement changes, the school of origin would then be considered the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of the placement change
- Transportation is provided for Foster Care Students.

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- Participate in the 2018-2019 Food drive that will be held at Canyon Valley and Mesquite High School. Dates coming soon!
- Got Hygiene Products? We are in need of shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothbrushes and toothpaste.
- Any school supplies for our kiddos are also always welcome.
- All of this benefits our Homeless Youth!

