

Information for Parents McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

- ❑ In a shelter, motel, transitional housing, agency,
- ❑ In a campground, park, car, abandoned building, on the street or other inadequate shelter,
- ❑ Without a permanent address and /or permanent housing,
- ❑ Share housing with relatives or others because you lost your housing or cannot afford housing, due to economic hardship or similar reason (example: evicted from home, etc.)

Then, your children may have certain educational rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act. Your children have the right to:

- ❑ Immediately enroll and attend classes without having health and school records with you.
- ❑ Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- ❑ Request enrollment in the school where you are living or in the school attended when you were permanently housed (school of origin). If you request your child to attend the school of origin, the School Administrator, Associate Superintendent or Homeless Education Liaison will determine *feasibility*.
- ❑ If you request enrollment in the school of origin and the school determines that it is **not feasible**, the school must provide a written explanation. You have the right to appeal the decision and your child will be enrolled in the school you request, pending resolution of the dispute.
- ❑ If you request enrollment in the school of origin and the school determines that it is *feasible*, you may request transportation to and from the school of origin.
- ❑ Transportation to the school of origin, if *feasible*, will continue to the end of the current school year or until the student becomes permanently housed.

Feasible: The law states that to the extent feasible, homeless students are to be kept in their school of origin unless doing so is contrary to the wishes of the parent/guardian. In determining feasibility, the district must make school placement determinations based on the “best interest” of the homeless student.

For more information, contact the Homeless Education Liaison at:
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