



Official Notice of Rights

Tolleson Union High School District shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available

McKinney-Vento Federal Act

The McKinney-Vento Act is a federal law implemented to provide educational stability to students experiencing homelessness.

McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless The term “homeless children and youth”— A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence [42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)]



Students qualified under the McKinney-Vento Act 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 their school or origin if that is your preference.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.
- Participate in extra-curricular sports and activities.

A student may qualify for services as a “Homeless Child or Youth” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living in one of the following situations:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations,
- living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals.
- 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.
- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Is a migratory child who qualifies as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

School or Origin

- The school the student attended when permanently housed.
- The school in which the student was last enrolled.

School of Residency

- The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides.

Contact your site homeless liaison for more information.



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