



Matrix for Success Academy

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McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for Homeless Children and Youth entitles all school-aged children experiencing homelessness the same free and appropriate public education that is provided to students who have permanent housing. A student experiencing homelessness is defined as an individual who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and may:

- Live in an emergency or transitional shelter;
- Live doubled-up with another family, due to loss of housing stemming from financial problems (e.g., loss of job, eviction or natural disaster)
- Live in substandard housing, car, garage, or other place not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Live in a hotel or motel
- Live temporarily in a trailer/RV/motor home or campsite
- Live temporarily with an adult who is not their parent/guardian

Students are identified through the SHQ (Student Housing Questionnaire) that is required to be included in every enrollment packet. Families self-identify their current living situation on the SHQ. Each school is required to have a designated school site homeless liaison that provides the SHQ to the Homeless Education Program for services.

A homeless student has the right to attend either the school that the student was last enrolled or the school of residence. The District shall ensure that transportation is provided as appropriate, at the request of the parent/guardian/unaccompanied homeless youth, to and from the school of origin, if feasible.

The law requires the immediate enrollment of homeless students. Schools cannot delay or prevent the enrollment of a student due to the lack of school or immunization records. It is the responsibility of the school to request all necessary documents from the previous school, and refer parents to all programs and services for which the student is eligible for. Referrals may include, but are not limited to: free nutrition, special education services, tutoring, preschool, before and after school services and any other services needed. Unaccompanied youth have these same rights.