

The McKinney-Vento Act

Key Provisions of the Law include:

- Immediate enrollment without documents
- Choice of schools
- School stability
- Transportation to school of origin
- Eliminate barriers
- Dispute resolution process

Available Services

- School breakfast and lunch at no charge
- Free school supplies
- Academic support and tutoring
- Personal hygiene products
- Referrals for housing, health care and food
- Assistance obtaining school records including birth certificate and immunizations



Rights and Supports

Your McKinney-Vento eligible children 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), if that is your preference. If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.



SAN FELIPE DEL RIO
CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Texas McKinney-Vento Program



**Supporting the Education of
Children and Youth
Experiencing Homelessness**

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Del Rio, Texas 7880
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Eligibility Information

Children or youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence including:

- Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reason ("doubling up")
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds due to the lack of adequate alternative accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters
- Abandoned in hospitals
- Awaiting Foster Care placement
- Living in a public or private place not designed for humans to live
- Living in cars, parks, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or a similar setting
- Migratory children living in the above circumstances
- Unaccompanied youth living in the above circumstance



Whom can I contact to help with my child's education?

- Every school district has a local homeless education liaison. This person can help you decide which school would be best for your child and communicate with the school. The local liaison also can help your child get school supplies, supplemental services, and free school meals, set up transportation to and from the school of origin, and help you find community supports.
- When you enroll your child in a new school, you should ask to meet his/her teacher(s). You also should talk to your child's teacher(s) every so often to talk about how he or she is doing. Know at least one teacher at your child's school well enough to ask questions about your child's schoolwork and to give him or her information that will help your child learn.
- The school counselor can help your child deal with changes and challenges. Share with this person any information about how your child is acting at home, or things he or she is dealing with that might affect schoolwork.
- Other good people to know are the school principal, attendance officer, bus driver, school counselor, and school nurse. All school and school district staff can help make sure your child gets all the services he or she needs to do well in school. You are an important partner in your child's education and should work as a team with the school and school district.

Contact Information

SFDRCIDSD McKinney-Vento Liaisons:

Rufina (Ruby) Adams
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Parent Information

If you are the parent/guardian of a homeless student or an unaccompanied youth:

- Inform a school official that your child is homeless.
- If you are transferring your child from another school, enroll your child in the new school immediately.
- If needed, request transportation from the school.
- Ensure that your child attends school daily.
- Tell your child's teacher any information that you think they may need to know to help your child succeed in school.
- Ask your campus parental liaison for help in securing additional services and information.

