

SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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McKinney-Vento Act Residency and Educational Rights Information

(questionnaire must be completed for each student)

The Arizona Homeless Education Program is dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth experiencing homelessness have access to the public education to which they are entitled under the federal McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act. ADE works towards this goal by ensuring that Arizona state policies are in compliance with federal law, by providing technical assistance to Arizona's local homeless liaisons, and by providing informational and awareness materials to educators and other interested community members throughout Arizona.

Parent and Family Rights

- Your child can be enrolled in school, even if you do not have required documents such as a birth certificate or shot records.
- Your child may be able to stay at the same school, and you may be able to receive transportation to that school.
- Your child can receive free school breakfast and lunch.

The mission of the Homeless Education Program is to ensure that homeless children and youth have access to a free, appropriate public education, comparable to that provided to the children of any Arizona resident and consistent with Arizona's mandatory school attendance laws.

Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.) is included in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. The reauthorization requires that children and youths experiencing homelessness are immediately enrolled in school and have educational opportunities equal to those of their non-homeless peers. The statute requires every public school district and charter holder to designate a Homeless Liaison to ensure that homeless students are identified and their needs are being met.

In order to supplement services to these children and youths, the U.S. Department of Education provides funding for state and local activities. These dollars are allocated to the local education agencies through a competitive grant process, based on need and program quality.

According to the U.S. Department of Education, people living in the following situations are considered homeless:

- Doubled up with family or friends due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in motels and hotels for lack of other suitable housing
- Runaway and displaced children and youth – Unaccompanied Youth
- Homes for unwed or expectant mothers for lack of a place to live
- Homeless and domestic violence shelters
- Transitional housing programs
- The streets
- Abandoned buildings
- Public places not meant for housing
- Cars, trailers (does not include mobile homes intended for permanent housing), and campgrounds
- Awaiting foster care
- Migratory children staying in housing not fit for habitation

Please complete the form provided and return to the school office.

Questions may be directed to your school Liaison, Principal, Guidance Counselor, Social Worker, or Registrar at 602-265-2000.

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McKinney-Vento Student Housing Questionnaire

Cuestionario de Vivienda para Estudiantes McKinney-Vento

Student Information / Informacion del Estudiante

Student Name / Nombre:

Grade / Grado: Date / Fecha:

Current Living Situation / Situacion Actual de Vivienda

- ☐ Own home/apartment with parent/guardian / Casa o apartamento propio
- ☐ Living with relatives or friends / Viviendo con familiares o amigos
- ☐ Hotel or motel / Hotel o motel
- ☐ Shelter or transitional housing / Refugio o vivienda transitoria
- ☐ Car, campground, or temporary place / Auto o lugar temporal
- ☐ Living on my own / Viviendo por mi cuenta

1. Is your current living situation temporary? / Es temporal su vivienda actual? ☐ Yes/Si ☐ No

2. Do you need transportation assistance? / Necesita ayuda de transporte? ☐ Yes/Si ☐ No

Additional Comments / Comentarios Adicionales

Student or Parent/Guardian Signature /
Firma del Estudiante/Padre o Tutor

Date / Fecha

Questions / Preguntas

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