

Who Is Considered Highly Mobile/Homeless?

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as youth between the ages of 2-18 years old, who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence and may:

- Live in a hotel or motel;
- Live in a shelter or transitional housing;
- Live in an abandoned building, parked car, or other facility not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Share housing with another family due to loss of housing, stemming from financial hardship;
- Live in a trailer park or campsite due to the lack of adequate living accommodations;
- Are abandoned at a hospital

Agency Information List

Community Information and Referral
602-263-8856

Arizona 211
211arizona.org

Family Housing Hub
602-595-8700

We Are Here To Help!

The Highly Mobile/Homeless Education Program can provide the following:

- Assistance in school enrollment;
- Advocacy to keep your child in his or her school of origin, if possible;
- Transportation assistance;
- Resolution of school enrollment disputes;
- Help to ensure students in transition receive appropriate educational services;
- Backpacks and school supplies;
- Assistance with uniforms and school clothing; and
- The opportunity for you to be fully involved in your child's academic experience.

WESD Homeless Education Liaison:

Dorothy Watkins, LCSW
602-347-2636

WESD Social Services Department
602-347-2603

Others who may assist you:

WESD Transportation Department
602-896-5270

Arizona State Coordinator
for Homeless Education:
602-542-4963



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What Families Need to Know

McKinney-Vento Highly Mobile/Homeless Education Program



IS YOUR CHILD MISSING
SCHOOL BECAUSE ...

- You live in a shelter or motel?
- You live in a car?
- You move frequently?
- You live with family or friends because of financial hardship?

What Families Need to Know

- Highly mobile/homeless children have a right to attend school.
- You do not need a permanent address to enroll your child in school.
- Highly mobile/homeless children have the right to stay in their home school if the parents choose.
- Your child cannot be denied school enrollment just because school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- Your child has the right to transportation services to and from the school of origin.
- Your child has the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he or she is eligible.

What Your Family Can Do Before You Move

- Tell your child's school that your child is moving, and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want your child to stay in his or her home school while you are getting the family stabilized.
- Ask for a copy of your child's school records, including immunizations.

Tips for Families Who Move Often

- Keep a copy of birth certificates and school records accessible.
- Safeguard all health and immunization records.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of the child's birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- Enroll children in school as soon as possible.
- Keep school informed regarding any change in contact information i.e. phone number, emergency contact.

At School, Ask About These Special Services

- Free breakfast and lunch programs
- Transportation assistance for children to remain at their school of origin
- Special education programs, especially if the student has previously received special education services or if a need is suspected
- Tutoring programs
- Counseling
- Programs to help children learn English
- Gifted or talented programs
- Preschool programs
- Before- and after-school programs
- School uniform or clothing programs

With These Rights You Have The Responsibility To:

- Enroll your child in school promptly and have him or her attend regularly
- Request needed transportation services
- Ask for tutoring/counseling to make up for any lost school time
- Meet with your child's teacher regularly to ensure that your child is receiving appropriate academic support
- Be fully involved in your child's academic experience
- Notify the school when moving
- Get current school records, including immunizations when checking your child out
- Contact the local school district's Homeless Education Program Liaison for help with enrollment