#### **EVERY STUDENT:**



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## McKinney - Vento Homeless Education Act **Supporting the Needs of All Students**

## **DEFINITION**

Children who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence.

- Sharing a house Doubling Up
- Living in a hotel or motel
- Un-Sheltered Campgrounds, Cars, Parks, Public Spaces, etc.
- Living in an Emergency Shelter / Transitional Housing
- Unaccompanied Youth Not in custody of parent

#### TRANSPORTATION >

- District will provide transportation to and from the school of origin
- The child's right to attend the school of origin and receive transportation extends for the duration of the homelessness
- If the student becomes permanently housed, they may remain in the school of origin until the end of the school term

## **ENROLLMENT**

- Enrolled immediately event when records are missina
- Enrolled in the school of origin or the school were they reside

## **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

- Automatically qualify for free meals without documentation.
- Absences due to homelessness are excused
- Landlords or Host Families may not be contacted - FERPA
- LEAs must review, analyze, and address homeless factors that impact grades











## McKinney - Vento Homeless Education Act Resources for Supporting the Needs of All Students

### COMMON PHRASES >

"We've moved a lot."

"We're staying with friends."

"We're looking for a place."

"We're going though a bad time right now."

"My child doesn't need to ride the bus anymore."

## **HOW TO HELP**

- Make the student feel welcomed
- Reach out to the parents and keep them involved
- Give the student a locker or other private space for storage
- Respect their privacy and sensitivity
- Be lenient with homework and due dates
- Communicate with other staff and counselors to ensure basic needs are being met

## MORE INFORMATION >

Visit www.elsd.org under "Students and Families"

### WARNING SIGNS>

- Multiple families at the same address
- Attention-seeking behaviors
- Hunger or hoarding of food
- Sleeping in class
- Inappropriate dress for the weather

# STUDENT CHALLENGES>

- Ashamed of where they are living
- Teased or fear of teasing for appearance, hygiene, or living situation
- Difficulty adjusting to a new school
- No place to do homework
- Feelings of failure or withdrawn

