Tolleson Union High School District

Information for School-Aged Youth

If your family lives in any of the following situations:
in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in an abandoned
building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations; or doubled up with
friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing…

Then, You Have Certain Rights Or Protections
Under The Mckinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.

You have the right to:
Go to school and be given access to the same public
education provided to other students.

Continue in the school you attended before you became
homeless or the school you last attended, if that is your
choice and is feasible. The school district’s local liaison
for homeless education must assist you, if needed, and
offer you the right to appeal a decision regarding your
choice of school if it goes against your wishes.

Receive transportation to the school you attended before
you became homeless or the school you last attended, if
you request such transportation.

Attend a school and participate in school programs with
students who are not homeless. Students cannot be
separated from the regular school program because they
are homeless.

Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
Schools cannot require proof of residency that might
prevent or delay school enrollment.

Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for
the transfer of school and immunization records or any
other documents required for enrollment.

Enroll and attend classes in the School of Residency
even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute
over enrollment.

Receive the same special programs and services, if
needed, as provided to all other students served in these
programs.

Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

When you move, you should do the following:
Contact the school district’s local liaison for homeless
education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling
in a new school or arranging to continue in your former
school. (Or, someone at a shelter, social services office,
or the school can direct you to the person you need to
contact.)

Tell your teachers anything that you think they need to
know to help you in school.

Ask the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter
provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing
and supplies, if needed.

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