



Show Low Unified School District

“Home of the Cougars”

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Dear Parents,

Your child is eligible for educational services through the McKinney-Vento Act. Eligibility is based on the current primary nighttime residence and has been determined because your family lives in one of the following situations:

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle or campground
- On the street
- In an abandoned building, trailer or other inadequate accommodations
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing

Your school-aged children have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.

Your children have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education provided to other children.
- The district will ensure that your children are not stigmatized based on their homeless status.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and it is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended, if you or a guardian requests such transportation.
- Attend and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children 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 your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and school programs.

Please contact Jami Ramsay with any questions.

Local Area Contacts: Jami Ramsay, Federal Programs Director, Homeless Liaison, Show Low Unified School District, 928-537-6038.

State Coordinator: Alexis Clermont, State Coordinator for Homeless Education, Arizona Department of Education, 602-542-4963.