

McKinney-Vento Act at a glance.....



What is the McKinney-Vento Act?
It Protects Youth and Children Experiencing Homelessness and Provides for Their Educational Stability

Who Is Homeless, Displaced, Or In An Unstable Situation?

- Children living in the home of a friend/relative (economic hardship/military deployment/jail/deportation)
- Children living at Friends of the Family shelter for battered women
- Children living in a motel
- Children living in a car/tent/van
- Children living in transitional housing (Housing that is available for a specific length of time)
- Children awaiting Foster Care placement
- Children who are unaccompanied youth/ runaways

What Rights Do Your Displaced Students Have?

- Right to attend and enroll immediately even if unable to provide records required for enrollment. **(Remember school is the safest place for children who are displaced)**
- Enroll or remain in school without a permanent address
- Stay in school of origin (to the extent feasible)
- Continue to attend the school in which they were last enrolled, even if they have moved away from that attendance zone.
- Transportation (to the extent feasible) **NO APPLICATION NEEDED - SRQ REPLACES APP.**
- Automatically qualify for free breakfast and lunch **NO APPLICATION NEEDED - SRQ REPLACES APP.**
- Participate fully in all school activities and programs for which they are eligible.

What Should You Remember When You Enroll or Identify Your Students?

If the student lives in one of the situations mentioned above, the following is **NOT** required to enroll or attend school:

- Proof of residency
- Immunization records (**they are allowed 30 days**)
- Birth Certificate
- School Records
- Legal Guardianship

What About Storage Of SRQ'S?

- Current SRQ's are kept in students cum folder
- If a student goes to another campus in the same year, the SRQ follows the student to the new campus. **Call Barb or Nancy with the new address and school.**
- SRQ's are kept for a total of **5** years.

OTHER IMPORTANT FACTS:

- Verification of displaced families is determined by the district Homeless Liaison only
- Every attempt is made to contact each parent or guardian when we receive their SRQ
- Once a family is identified as homeless, **they keep that status for the school year**, even if their living situation stabilizes or they find permanent housing.
- New Student Residency Questionnaires (SRQ) are completed at the beginning of each school year or at the time of enrollment in DISD
- Every 6 weeks the secretary/registrar and counselor will receive a list of who has been identified as homeless per campus. Please let us know if any student withdraws or is attending another campus.

REMEMBER TO CALL **BARB HAFLICH (369-0599) OR NANCY DOBSON (369-0598) WITH QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS OR TO SHARE INFORMATION CONCERNING YOUR FAMILIES. WE ARE A TEAM AND WORK TOGETHER TO HELP DISPLACED STUDENTS BE SUCCESSFUL AT SCHOOL.**