



Yuma Elementary School District One McKinney-Vento Homeless and Foster Care Education

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act: Originally signed into law in 1987. Included in No Child Left Behind, Title X, in 2002.

GOAL: "To ensure that homeless children and youth have access to a free, appropriate public education, comparable to that provided to the children of any Arizona resident and consistent with Arizona's mandatory school attendance laws."

The McKinney-Vento Homeless and Foster Care Liaison appointed for Yuma Elementary School District One is Liz Miranda. A school referral of any McKinney-Vento Homeless and/or Foster Care student in the district is sent to the McKinney-Vento Homeless and Foster Care Liaison, the McKinney-Vento Homeless and Foster Care Liaison will implement the proper procedures as outlined by YSD1 McKinney-Vento Homeless and Foster Care Plan to ensure that homeless and/or foster care student(s) receive the appropriate education without interruption.

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INFORMATION FOR PARENTS



IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter
In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station

Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

*Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the
Federal McKinney-Vento Act.*

Your eligible children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school, or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference.
- * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.



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If you need further assistance with your child's educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-368-2145 • homelessedserv.org • <http://nche.edu.gov>



THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT

Federal Guidelines

Your preschool and school-aged child(ren) may qualify for certain rights and protections under the Federal McKinney-Vento Act if your family lives in any of the following situations:

- * **In a shelter**
- * **In a motel/hotel**
- * **In a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station**
- * **Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.**
- * **In a campground due to the lack of an alternative accommodation**

The AZ Department of Education (ADE) and Local Educational Agencies (LEAs—public schools & charters) have designated points of contact to provide assistance and school stability.

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Your eligible child(ren) have the right to:

- Immediate school enrollment. A school must immediately enroll students even if they lack health, immunization or school records, proof of guardianship, or proof of residency.
- Enroll in: the school he/she attended when permanently housed (school of origin); the school in which he/she was last enrolled (school of origin) ; any school that non-homeless students living in the same attendance area in which the homeless child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.
- Remain enrolled in his/her selected school for as long as he/she remains homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.
- Priority in certain preschool programs.
- Participate in a tutorial-instructional support program, school-related activities, and/or receive other support services.
- Obtain information regarding how to get fee waivers, and low-cost or free medical referrals.
- Transportation services: A homeless student attending his/her school of origin has a right to transportation to go to and from the school of origin as long as (s)he is homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.

If you believe your child(ren) may be eligible:

- 1) Contact the school of attendance for your child(ren), speak to the front office staff and request McKinney-Vento services as well as the district liaison contact information.

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- 2) Visit the ADE website to find your Point of Contact for your LEA:

<http://www.azed.gov/homeless/liaisons/>

If you are having trouble contacting your district liaison and receiving services, please contact:

Rita Rodriguez, AZ State Coordinator – Homeless Education Program

Homeless@azed.gov - (602)542-4963



LA LEY DE MCKINNEY-VENTO

Directrices Federales

Sus hijos prescolares y escolares pueden calificar para ciertos derechos y protecciones bajo la ley federal McKinney-Vento si su familia vive en cualquiera de las siguientes situaciones:

- * **En un refugio**
- * **En un motel/hotel**
- * **En un coche, un parque, edificio abandonado, estación de tren o autobús**
- * **Con otras personas por Pérdida de vivienda o dificultad económica**
- * **En un campamento debido a la falta de una alojamientos alternativas**

El Departamento de Educación de Arizona (ADE) y agencias de educación locales (LEAs—escuelas públicas y charters) tienen Puntos de contacto designados para proporcionar asistencia y estabilidad de la escuela.

Sus hijos elegibles tienen el derecho a:

- Inscribirse en la escuela inmediatamente. Una escuela debe inscribirse inmediatamente estudiantes incluso sin carecen de salud, inmunización o escuela registros, prueba de tutela o prueba de residencia.
- Inscribirse en: la escuela a la que asistió cuando permanentemente alojado (escuela de origen); la escuela en la que estuvo por última vez matriculado (escuela de origen); cualquier escuela que no tenga hogar estudiantes que viven en la misma área de asistencia en la que Los niños o jóvenes sin hogar que viven actualmente son elegibles para asistir.
- Permanecer inscrito en su escuela seleccionada mientras él /ella permanece sin hogar o, si el estudiante se vuelve permanentemente alojado, hasta el final del curso académico.
- Prioridad en ciertos programas preescolares.
- Participar en un programa de apoyo tutorial-instructivo, relacionado con la escuela actividades y / o recibir otros servicios de apoyo.
- Obtener información sobre cómo obtener exenciones de tarifas y Referencias médicas gratuitas o de bajo costo.
- Servicios de transporte: un estudiante si la escuela de origen tiene derecho a no transporte para ir y volver la escuela de origen siempre que tenga hogar o, si el estudiante se aloja permanentemente, hasta el final de la año académico.

Si cree que su(s) niño(s) pueden ser elegibles:

- 1) Comuníquese con la escuela de asistencia para su niño(s), hable con el personal de recepción y solicite los servicios de McKinney-Vento y también el información de contacto del enlace del distrito.

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- 2) Visite el sitio web de ADE para encontrar su punto de Contacto para su LEA:

<https://www.azed.gov/homeless/mckinney-vento-liaisons-contacts>

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Si tienen problemas comuniquen con el enlace de su distrito, por favor contacte a:
Rita Rodriguez, AZ Coordinadora Estatal Para Niños y Jóvenes Sin Hogar
Homeless@azed.gov - (602)542-4963

DID YOU KNOW?

- Foster children no longer fall under McKinney-Vento.
- Foster children should remain in their school of origin.
- Foster children may be transported to their school of origin.
- Foster children should be enrolled immediately, even without all required paperwork.
- Foster children automatically qualify for the FREE & reduced lunch program.

MCKINNEY-VENTO CHANGE

The term 'awaiting foster care placement' has been removed from the definition of 'homeless' in McKinney-Vento.

FOSTER CARE

24 hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the child welfare agency has placement and care responsibility.

For More Information
contact your district's foster
care point of contact:

or ADE's Foster Care Ed. Coord.

602.542.3569

FosterCare@azed.gov

www.azed.gov/FosterCare

SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

The school in which a child is enrolled at the time of placement in foster care. If a child's foster care placement changes, then it would be considered the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of the placement change

