McKinney-Vento Homeless Act

THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT COVERS CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO DON'T HAVE A FIXED, ADEQUATE AND REGULAR NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE, SUCH AS THOSE LIVING:

- in an emergency or transitional shelter
- with friends or relatives due to loss of housing or economic hardship (also known as doubled up)
- in a motel, hotel or campground
- in a car, bus or train station or other public place
- in an abandoned building or some other inadequate accommodations
- or, in temporary situations while awaiting foster care placement

THEY CAN CHOOSE FROM:

- the school they went to when permanently housed (known as the *school of origin*)
- the last school they went to (also known as the *school of origin*)
- the school located in the attendance area where they are temporarily living (known as the *local school*)

STUDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- immediately enroll in school and attend classes
- get free transportation to the school of origin even if it is in another district
- get free transportation to the local school if transportation is provided to other students
- *get special education services immediately* if the student has a current IEP (even if the IEP itself is not available or if it is from another district)
- participate in any school activity that is available to other students and get transportation to and from all before or after-school activities if it is provided to other students
- get free school meals without filling out an application

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