

McKinney-Vento Regulations

If your living arrangement is both temporary and the result of economic hardship, you may qualify for services under the McKinney-Vento Act. The purpose of this law is to provide academic stability for students of families in transition.

You may want to talk with the Catalina Foothills District's Homeless Education Liaison, Nancy Sergeant-Abbate, if your family's temporary living arrangement is one of the following:

You are living with friends or relatives, or moving from place to place, because you cannot currently afford your own housing.

You are living in a shelter or a motel.

You are living in housing without water or electricity.

You are living in a place not considered traditional "housing", like a car or a campground.

A student may also qualify as an "unaccompanied youth" if he or she is living with someone who is not a parent or guardian, or if he or she is moving from place to place without parent or guardian.

Children who qualify under McKinney-Vento have the right to:

- ◆ Attend the school they were attending when their family was forced to move to a temporary address because of economic hardship, even if that school is in another school district. The choice must be a reasonable one that is in the best interest of the children involved. Check with the district Homeless Education Liaison if you are not sure.
- ◆ Attend the school closest to where they are being sheltered.
- ◆ Stay in this school for the duration of the school year if their families are forced to move to another temporary address because of economic hardship.
- ◆ Receive assistance with transportation to attend school while they are being temporarily housed.
- ◆ Start school immediately while people at school help families obtain school and immunization records or other documents necessary for enrollment.
- ◆ Enroll in school without having a permanent address.
- ◆ Participate in the same programs and services that other students participate in.
- ◆ Receive Title 1 services, including free breakfast and lunch.

If you have questions regarding this decision, call Nancy Sergeant-Abbate, Homeless Education Liaison for Catalina Foothills School District, at (520) 209-7714. Or you may e-mail her at njsa@cfsd16.org.