

Wickenburg Unified School District #9

Education Rights of Children and Youth in Transition

Public Notice

In accordance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001, Wickenburg Unified School District is actively seeking to identify children and youth who are students in transition. If you are homeless or know of a child or youth that is homeless and attending school, please contact your school site counselor or the person listed below who will provide information and assistance during the enrollment process:

Local Liaison Name: DIANE KEITH-PROHL

Telephone: (928) 668-5309

Address: 521 South Tegner Street, Hassayampa Elementary School, front office

- ***Who is considered "homeless"?*** Any child or youth attending school who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence is considered homeless. This includes those who are sharing housing with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship. It also includes children and youth who are living in hotels, camp grounds, emergency or transitional shelters, cars, bus or train stations, or other similar settings. If you are not sure if your particular living situation applies, please call.

- ***What are the education rights of homeless children and youth?*** Our schools provide equal and comparable access to all students regardless of their home living situation. Homeless children and youth have specific rights that include:
 - a. Immediate enrollment in school and, when desired or feasible, at the "school of origin."
 - b. Prompt provision of necessary services such as transportation and meal programs.
 - c. Appropriate support services and programs for which they are eligible such as programs for gifted, children with disabilities, vocational education, and preschool .
 - d. Academic assistance through the district's federally funded Title I program.
 - e. Parent or guardian involvement in school activities.

*** No Child or Youth Should Be Denied Access to a Free and Appropriate Education***