



# Tolleson Union High School District

## Information for Parents



**If your family lives in any of the following situations:**  
in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in an abandoned building, trailer, or other inadequate accommodations; or doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing...

**Then, you have certain rights or protections under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act.**

**You have the right to:**

*Go to school and be given access to the same public education provided to other students.*

*Continue* in the school you attended before you became homeless or the school you last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. The school district's local liaison for homeless education must assist you, if needed, and offer you the right to appeal a decision regarding your choice of school if it goes against your wishes.

*Receive* transportation to the school you attended before you became homeless or the school you last attended, if you request such transportation.

*Attend* a school and participate in school programs with students who are not homeless. Students cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.

*Enroll* in school without giving a permanent address. Schools cannot require proof of residency that might prevent or delay school enrollment.

*Enroll* and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.

*Enroll* and attend classes in the School of Residency even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrollment.

*Receive* the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other students served in these programs.

*Receive* transportation to school and to school programs.

**When you move, you should do the following:**

*Contact* the school district's local liaison for homeless education (see phone number below) for help in enrolling in a new school or arranging to continue in your former school. (Or, someone at a shelter, social services office, or the school can direct you to the person you need to contact.)

*Tell* your teachers anything that you think they need to know to help you in school.

*Ask* the local liaison for homeless education, the shelter provider, or a social worker for assistance with clothing and supplies, if needed.

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**Tolleson Union High School**  
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