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Houston Independent School District McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act Parental Notification NCLB Act 115(b)(2)(E)

The federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Improvements Act and Texas state law (Texas Education Code Chapter 25) protect the rights of homeless children and youth to receive a free and appropriate public education. Nearly everyone in Texas who is between the ages of 5 and 21 on September 1st of the school year and has not been expelled has the right to attend school.

The federal McKinney-Vento Act and Texas state law guarantee that you can enroll in school if you live:

- in a shelter (family shelter, domestic violence shelter, youth shelter or transitional living program);
- in a motel, hotel, or weekly-rate housing;
- in a house or apartment with more than one family because of financial hardship or loss in an abandoned building, a car, at a campground, or on the street;
- in temporary foster care or with an adult who is not your parent or legal guardian; in substandard housing (no electricity, no water, and/or no heat); or
- with friends or family because you are a runaway or unaccompanied youth. Furthermore, if you live in one of the above situations, your student has a right to:
 - Enroll and attend school without proof of residency.
 - Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for immunization records, TB skin test result, school records, legal guardianship papers, or any other documents required for enrollment.
 - Continue to attend the school in which the student was last enrolled, even if you have moved away from that school's attendance zone or district.
 - Receive transportation from your current residence to the school the student last attended.
 - Enroll and attend classes even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your student.
 - Receive free and reduced-price lunch and other district food programs.
 - Participate fully in all school activities and programs for which the student is eligible without regards to the student's housing accommodations.

Finally, in accordance with Section 1115(b)(2)(E) of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, the District provides Title I, Part A services to any student who is homeless and attending any school served by the District, regardless of whether or not the school is an eligible Title I, Part A school. Your student has a right to receive services in the same manner as does other students on the campus.