

## Families in Transition and Homeless Services

While the nature of online schooling demands a certain degree of stability in the student's access to technology and ability to meet weekly attendance requirements, the flexible, distance-learning environment of our Learning Centers, and Arizona Online Instruction, can be a good fit for families who move frequently due to homelessness or insecure housing.

Students who are considered "homeless" according to the federal McKinney-Vento act are eligible for certain rights and protections, including but not limited to:

- The right to a free, appropriate public education.
- The right to enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- The right to enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- The right to receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the student's needs.
- The right to enroll in the local district school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed). If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, they must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal the decision.

If you have questions regarding your student's McKinney-Vento eligibility and school enrollment rights, are a currently enrolled student with questions about additional services or resources that the school may be able to provide, or simply want to discuss what online schooling looks like for families in transition and unaccompanied youth, please contact our school McKinney-Vento Liaison, Mrs. Duncan at (602)-889-1133.

In addition to the school McKinney Vento questionnaire (also found in the enrollment form) and McKinney Vento poster attached below, please follow the links for more information regarding homeless education and rights.

<https://nche.ed.gov/> [http://www.azed.gov/populations-projects/home/homeless/ McKinneyVento Questionnaire 2018.pdf](http://www.azed.gov/populations-projects/home/homeless/McKinneyVento%20Questionnaire%202018.pdf)