

**FAMILY & STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES
MCKINNEY-VENTO EDUCATION ACT
PARENT INFORMATION**

TOPIC	IMPORTANT INFORMATION
What qualifies a student for services?	<p>Students who temporarily live:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • in a shelter, transitional shelter, motel campground, abandoned in a hospital, or awaiting foster care, • in a car, park, public place, bus, train or abandoned building, • in doubled up situations with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing., or • with an adult who is not a parent or guardian, or alone with friends.
What are the rights of students under this law?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immediate enrollment even if parents don't have required documents like ID, proof of address, immunizations, birth certificate, social security card and other items. • School selection • Transportation services • Cannot be separated from the general population of students due to their housing situation.
School Enrollment:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible students must be enrolled within two days even if documentation is not available. • Eligibility immediately qualifies a student for Early Childhood Education
School Selection:	<p>The parent/guardian has the right to school selection. A parent may choose from the following:</p> <p>a) The school the child attended when permanently housed (school of origin) or the school in which the student was last enrolled; or</p> <p>b) The school in which the child is temporarily residing.</p>
Enrollment Dispute:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If a parent's decision of school enrollment/selection is not granted, the parent may initiate the dispute resolution process. • The parent/guardian must be provided with a written explanation by the campus of the school's decision (F1-J), including the right to appeal. The family must be referred to the Transitions Program for assistance. • Pending the resolution of the dispute, your child must be immediately enrolled to the school in which you are seeking enrollment • If the child is unaccompanied (not living with parent or guardian), the same dispute process is applicable to the student.
Transportation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who are eligible for transportation to their school of origin are those that live 2 or more miles away from the school. • VIA bus tickets will be provided to the parent for school attendance until the school bus schedule is available. • VIA semester passes are available to students who are able to navigate the metro system on their own.
Important information:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each campus has a Contact Person who can provide assistance for any eligible student. • If a child/youth is unaccompanied (not living with a parent or guardian) the student can enroll him/herself.