

Notice of Rights

The McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C. §11432) includes a number of requirements for all public schools, including charter schools, when serving homeless youth. These requirements include the following:

LEAs must

- provide this written notice to parents annually;
- continue a homeless child's education in the school of origin or enroll a homeless child in any public school that a non-homeless student who lives in the attendance area where the family is temporarily staying can attend, according to the child's best interest;
- notify parents that they have a right to appeal when the school sends the child to a school other than the one that the parents or guardians request;
- enroll a homeless child or youth immediately in school, even if the child or youth is unable to produce required records;
- make records available in a timely fashion when a homeless child or youth enters a new school or school district;
- provide services to homeless students that are comparable to those offered to other students (this would include providing transportation services comparable to those provided to other students);
- coordinate with local service agencies or programs that provide services to homeless children and youth;
- appoint a local homeless education liaison (hereafter referred to as local liaison) to ensure that:
 - homeless children and youth are identified, enrolled in school, and linked to services;
 - parents and guardians of homeless children are informed of their educational rights;
 - public notice of rights is disseminated;
 - disputes are carried out under the state's McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process; and
 - parents and guardians of homeless children are informed of all transportation services, including transportation to and from the school of origin;
- coordinate with the California Department of Education, community, and school personnel responsible for providing services to homeless children and youth; and
- review and revise policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children and youth.