McKinney-Vento Homeless Education

For students experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied youth

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

The Education for Homeless Children and Youth program is authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The McKinney-Vento Act is designed to address the challenges that homeless children and youth face in enrolling, attending, and succeeding in school. To be eligible to receive assistance, the McKinney-Vento Act defines:

- **Homeless Children and Youth** as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- **Unaccompanied Youth** as a homeless child (under the age of 18 years) not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian.

The McKinney-Vento Act guarantees key protections and rights for students experiencing homelessness under its definition including:

- Immediate enrollment in school, even if they lack typical documents
- School selection: school of origin or school of residence
- Transportation to school of origin, if feasible and in their best interest
- Access to services and programs available to non-homeless students
- Dispute Resolution if there is a disagreement between Leading Edge Academy and parent/guardian (or unaccompanied youth)

For Unaccompanied Youth:

- Right to enroll without consent of parent/guardian.
- Access to the same protections and services as other homeless children and youth.

Rights of Homeless Students

Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths rev 2024

Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths rev Esp

Apply for McKinney-Vento Services
To apply for services under McKinney-Vento, please fill out this confidential questionnaire:

Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire

Cuestionario de residencia estudiantil de Arizona para Leading Edge Academy

Resources:

Arizona Food Bank Map

St. Mary's Food Pantry Map

Double Up Food Bucks

2-1-1 Arizona

Arizona DES Homeless Services

St. Vincent de Paul