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Who is Eligible for Services?

Foster Youth

Any child who is the subject of a juvenile dependency court petition, whether or not the child has been removed from his or her home. Any child who is the subject of a juvenile delinquency court petition and who has been removed from his or her home by the court under a “suitable placement” order.

McKinney-Vento

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is Federal law created to insure that enrollment, attendance and success of homeless children and youth in schools.

What Types of Living Situations Qualify as McKinney-Vento?

- Doubled up with family or friends due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in hotels, motels for lack of suitable housing
- Transitional housing programs
- Shelters (homeless, domestic violence)
- Cars, trailers, campgrounds
- Public Places not intended for housing
- Runaway and Displaced – Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Youth who are not in the physical custody of their parent or legal guardian and lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.



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MURRIETA VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

ADDRESSING THE BARRIERS THAT FOSTER YOUTH AND HOMELESS YOUTH EXPERIENCE IN ENROLLING, ATTENDING, AND SUCCEEDING IN SCHOOL

Important Terms

School of Origin

The school that the child last attended, or attended when last permanently housed, or attended in the past 15 months and feels connected.

Best Interest

The best interest of the student is one that promotes school stability, least restrictive necessary for progress, considers access to academic resources, services, and enrichment activities available to all students. Educators, social workers, probation officers, caretakers, advocates, and juvenile courts must work together to serve the educational needs of students.

Reduced Graduation Requirements

Students who have changed schools due to foster care placement (AB 216) or due to homelessness (AB1808) during the last two years of high school and cannot otherwise graduate in four years may be eligible to graduate with the state 130 required units rather than the district's 230 required units.

Partial Credits

Student who change schools mid-term are awarded partial credits calculated for coursework completed according the Model Policy for Partial Credits.

Surrogate Educational Rights Holder

If the court is unable to locate a responsible adult to make educational decisions for the student, the court can assign a surrogate through a JV535. MVUSD has trained volunteer surrogate educational rights holders available when necessary to serve the educational needs of foster youth.

Foster Youth Rights

AB 490: Ensuring Educational Rights and Stability for Foster Youth

- May attend their school of origin through the end of the academic school year.
- Have the right to attend their local public school regardless of time of enrollment or credit deficiency.
- May not be denied access to their local public school on the basis that he/she has had contact with the juvenile justice system.
- School placement decisions must be made in the student's best interest.
- Have the right to be enrolled immediately regardless of fees, clothing, or records normally required for enrollment.
- Records must be transferred by sending school or requested by receiving school within two business days.
- A student's grades may not be lowered due to absences caused by change in placement, a court appearance, or a court ordered activity.
- Students must have access to sports and extracurricular activities available to all students.
- Students may be eligible for reduced graduation requirements under AB 216
- Students are entitled to receive partial credits



McKinney-Vento Student Rights

- Student may attend their school of origin or the school where they are temporarily residing through the end of the academic school year or throughout the duration of homelessness.
- School placement decisions must be made in the student's best interest.
- Students may enroll immediately; without school, medical, or similar records.
- Records must be transferred by old school or requested by new school within two business days.
- Students have a right to transportation to school and school meal programs.
- Students may be eligible for reduced graduation requirements under AB 1806
- Students are entitled to receive partial credits when changing schools mid-term.
- Students are to be informed of their rights upon enrollment. Services are to be provided during dispute resolution procedures.

