



## WESTWOOD HEIGHTS SCHOOLS

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### Educational Information for Parents with Students Experiencing Homelessness

If you or your family lives in any of the following situations:

- In a shelter
- Motel, trailer park, or campground
- Cars, parks, or other public places
- Doubled up with family or friends due to economic hardship, home foreclosure, or a similar reason

Your child(ren) may be eligible for certain educational rights or protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Students Assistance Act.

Students have the right to:

- Immediate enrollment; even if lacking normally required documentation such as immunization records, birth certificates, etc...
- Remain in their school of origin, defined as the school or district last enrolled in or attended when permanently housed
- Transportation assistance to and from the school of origin
- Full participation in school programs and other extra-curricular activities
- Receive educational services comparable to those of other students, according to individual need.

If you move, you should do the following:

- Contact the school district's local liaison for homeless education for help in enrolling your child in a new school or arranging continued enrollment in the school of origin.

For more information, contact your district liaison:

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