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## **Rights & Services Under the McKinney-Vento Act**

### **School Selection**

Students eligible for the McKinney-Vento Program can attend either the school assigned to the current temporary address (referred to as attendance area school) or the school of origin. The school of origin is defined as the school the student was attending when the student was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled. School of origin also includes the designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools when a student completes the final grade level served by the school of origin (ESSA, 2016).

### **Transportation**

The law states that a student eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Act can receive transportation to and from the current residence to the school of origin or attendance area school for the academic school year. Due to the virtual classroom environment at NCVA, this is not necessary. However, transportation can be provided for mandatory in-person testing or other in-person scheduled events, such as graduation, if a hardship exists.

### **Immediate Enrollment / No Required Paperwork**

Students meeting requirements set forth in the McKinney-Vento Act have the right to enroll in school immediately, even if they are missing records and documents normally required for enrollment such as a proof of residency, academic records, birth certificate, or immunization/medical records. The receiving school shall immediately contact the school last attended by the child or youth to obtain relevant academic and other records. Immediate enrollment is defined in the law as actively attending classes and participating fully in all school activities while the school gathers records. Please note that for a charter school, a seat must be available for a student to be enrolled.

### **Access to Programs & Services**

Students designated under the McKinney-Vento Act have the right to access the same programs and services that are available to all other students, including transportation and supplemental educational services.

### **Inclusion**

McKinney-Vento students have the right to attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; a school cannot segregate a student because he or she is homeless.

### **Dispute Resolution**

NCVA has an established procedure to resolve disputes regarding educational placement of homeless children and youth/unaccompanied youth. Disputes will be addressed by the liaison as expeditiously as possible. Please see NCVA Dispute Resolution Process for specific information about how to submit an appeal.

*Every child...Every class...Every day*