

# Lake Wales Charter Schools Students in Transition

## Services:

- Uniform Assistance
- School Supplies Assistance
- Free Breakfast and Lunch
- Transportation to School of Origin
- Parent and Youth Resource



## Homeless Liaison:

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Families and Students  
in Transition



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# McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

## Definition:

If a student lives in any of the following situations:

- Lack fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
- Sharing the house of others due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- Living in a hotel or motel due to loss of housing or economic hardship.
- Staying in a shelter; emergency or transitional.
- Sleeping in a car, campground, and or public space. A place that is not designed for regular sleeping accommodations for human beings.
- Substandard housing; without electricity, running water, health code violations, and lack of cooking capabilities.
- Unaccompanied Youth meet the definition of homeless and are not in the physical custody of a legal parent or guardian.

You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

## Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference and is feasible \* If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.

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