

Homeless Children and Youth

The Nauset Schools will comply with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act. Each homeless child or youth shall have equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including, but not limited to, preschool, Title 1, special education, vocational and technical, school nutrition, and English language learner programs. The Nauset Schools will immediately enroll homeless children and youth, even if they do not have the documents required for enrollment; i.e., medical records or proof of residency. However, emergency contact information is required at the time of enrollment consistent with the Nauset Public School's procedures.

Unaccompanied students or students in state care or custody are entitled to the same educational rights and services, including transportation, under the McKinney-Vento as any homeless child or youth in the care of their parents(s) or guardian(s).

If a dispute arises over school enrollment, Nauset Public Schools will immediately enroll the student pending resolution of the dispute. Nauset Public School shall inform the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth of the school's decision and the parent or guardian's right to appeal the decision. Nauset Public School's homeless liaison will carry out the dispute resolution process.

Transportation of Homeless Children and Youth - The Nauset Schools, in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act, shall ensure that transportation is provided, at the request of the parent, guardian or (in the case of unaccompanied youth) Nauset Schools' liaison, to and from the school of origin. Furthermore:

- If the homeless student continues to live in the area served by the district in which the school of origin is located, that district must provide or arrange transportation;
- If the homeless student moves to an area served by another district, through continuing his or her education at the school of origin and the district in which the student resides must agree upon a method to apportion the responsibility and costs for transportation to the school of origin; and
- If the districts cannot agree upon such a method, the responsibility and costs must be shared equally.