

# What We're Doing to Help Homeless Families

- Ensure school stability through "school of origin" enrollment and continued attendance;
- Ensure that students have materials and resources needed for academic success through distribution of supplies, uniforms, and/or clothing;
- Ensure transportation to and from school through SISD and collaborative efforts with other area districts;
- Ensure academic support through supplemental instruction;
- Ensure access to medical support through referrals to vision and dental providers or to area agencies; and
- Ensure higher education opportunities through status verification for Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

## The SISD Homeless Education Program is supported by the following:

- The United States Department of Education
- The Texas Education Agency
- Region 10 Education Service Center
- The University of Texas at Austin, Charles A. Dana Center
- The Texas Homeless Education Office



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### McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance

Do you lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence due to loss of housing or economic hardship?

Are you living with friends or relatives, in a shelter, in a motel, in your car, tent, abandoned building, or other location not meant as housing?

Contact your child's school or the number below for information on your child's rights to attend school and other services that your child may be eligible to receive.

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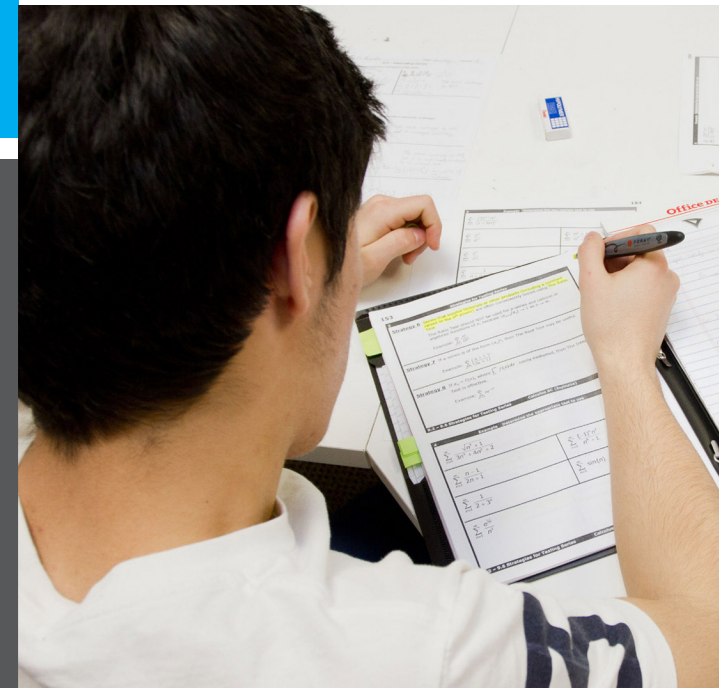
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# Program and Support Overview

Department of State and Federal Programs

# SISD HANDS

Socorro Independent School District  
Helping the Academic Needs of Displaced Students



Ensuring that children and youth in transition have access to our schools and support for academic success.



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# The Department of State and Federal Programs

The SISD Department of State and Federal Programs is committed to ensuring that all school-age children and youth who are experiencing homelessness have access to all educational opportunities, programs and services offered in the Socorro District. In its effort to accomplish this goal, the department offers a variety of services to SISD campuses, staff and students. Through networking with ESC Region 19, area school districts and the El Paso Coalition for the Homeless, the department can assist students and their families with referrals to agencies that provide rental, food, utility, medical, legal, and housing assistance.

## Meeting the Provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

### Assistance to SISD Campuses

The State and Federal Programs Department and the Homeless Liaison assist schools to do the following:

1. identify and address barriers to children and youth experiencing homelessness;
2. provide staff development for teachers, counselors, support staff, administrators, and others to help with awareness of homelessness and other related issues; and
3. set up collaborative efforts with other district programs and the greater community, in order to help students and their families meet educational, medical, dental, psychological, and physical needs.

### Assistance to Students

The SISD Homeless Liaison assists and advocates for students:

- who are experiencing difficulty enrolling;
- who lack school supplies, uniforms or clothing;
- who are in need of eyewear or a dental visit; or
- who need help getting to and from school and related activities.

### Training

Training is available on a variety of topics related to homelessness by the Homeless Liaison or other agencies. Yearly trainings are conducted for SISD PEIMS clerks, nurses, counselors, and CIS coordinators.