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McKinney Vento Policy

Goal: Taos Day School adheres to McKinney-Vento Act (42U.S.C.143) which requires educational access to students and youth experiencing homelessness.

Homeless is defined as children living in public spaces, cars, hotels, and substandard housing conditions. Homelessness means individuals that lack a fixed regular and adequate night-time residence, including migrant children.

Taos Day School will provide food, clothing, and any emotional support through social work and counseling services. Taos day School will work in collaboration with Taos Pueblo Social Services to provide comprehensive services that can alleviate homelessness. Ex: Outreach with Taos Pueblo Housing, Behavioral Health, and Taos County Research Programs such as food pantries and food sharing programs. Ancillary services that relate to disability such as speech /language and occupational therapy are also available to students in need. Taos Day School will work on issues of food insecurity to ensure students have food during weekends when school is not in session. Students who fall into the category of "homeless" will be guaranteed medical care without need for past medical records. This will be provided through Indian Health Services.

Taos Day School will publish in newspapers and make programs available in the students' native language when deemed necessary. Students and parents have the right to confidentiality and dignity related to their immediate needs. All services will be strictly confidential to protect student and family rights.

Taos Day School will immediately enroll a student despite absence of birth certificate, immunization records, or other school records if the student is determined to be homeless as prescribed by law. Policy on homelessness will be posted in the front offices of Taos Day School. Record clerk will keep all files on homeless students and follow the same protocol as other students as circumstances dictate. Children who fall under the McKinney-Vento Act will be guaranteed the same rigorous academic curriculum as other students and opportunities to participate in school related activities with the right to transportation. The Taos Day School assures that homelessness is not a sufficient reason to separate students from the mainstream school environment.

Homeless students have the same rights as other students at Taos Day School. These rights can be found in the student agenda within the policy section.

For more information on McKinney-Vento and student rights, please call Taos Day School at 575-758-3652, or go to www.serve/niche or www.naechy.org