



Transportation Policy for Homeless Scholars

Nuasin Next Generation Charter School

NNGCS Transportation Policy for Homeless Students

Purpose

This policy outlines the transportation rights and services provided to students experiencing homelessness, in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) amendments. The policy ensures that students have access to their school of origin and educational stability, even in the event of homelessness.

1. Transportation to the School of Origin

- Homeless students are entitled to transportation to their school of origin, including the school they attended when permanently housed or where they were last enrolled.
 - This entitlement applies to preschoolers attending a preschool of origin.
 - Transportation will be provided for the entire duration of homelessness and continue through the remainder of the academic year when the student becomes permanently housed.
 - If the student is in their terminal grade (e.g., final grade of elementary, middle, or high school), transportation may continue for an additional year to support stability.
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2. Transportation Distance Provisions

- Transportation will be provided up to **50 miles each way** to the school of origin, regardless of standard district transportation policies for permanently housed students.
 - In cases where the distance exceeds 50 miles, NNGCS will evaluate on a case-by-case basis, prioritizing the student's best interest and educational stability.
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3. Transportation for Extracurricular Activities and Summer School

- NNGCS ensures that lack of transportation does not become a barrier for homeless students to participate in:
 - Extracurricular activities
 - Afterschool programs
 - Summer school sessions
- Transportation arrangements will be made in collaboration with local shelters, community organizations, and district transportation partners. The School will provide transportation for homeless scholars attending extracurricular activities as listed above if the lack of transportation poses a barrier.



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4. Roles and Responsibilities

- **McKinney-Vento Liaison:** Coordinates with families, shelters, and school staff to arrange transportation services.
 - **Operations Manager:** Ensures logistical planning, communicates with transportation providers, and maintains compliance records.
 - **School Counselors:** Monitor student participation in extracurricular activities and summer programs to ensure access to transportation.
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5. Dispute Resolution Process

- If a dispute arises regarding eligibility, school selection, or transportation arrangements, NNGCS will follow the dispute resolution process under state and federal guidelines. Transportation will continue during the dispute process to ensure stability.
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6. Documentation and Compliance

- All transportation arrangements and communications will be documented and securely maintained in compliance with FERPA and McKinney-Vento regulations.
- Annual reviews of the transportation policy will be conducted to ensure alignment with federal and state mandates.

By adopting this policy, NNGCS reaffirms its commitment to educational stability and equal access for students experiencing homelessness.