



# McKinney-Vento Voice

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## School Records

*Q: Can the previous school transfer records to a new school without a parent's signature?*

*A: Yes. FERPA allows schools to release records without a parent's permission to schools to which a student is transferring. Please click [here](#) for OCPS policy. 20 U.S.C. 1232g*



*Q: Can a previous school refuse to send records due to fees owed for books, etc.?*

*A: No. That school would be creating a barrier to the enrollment and retention of the child in school, which violates the McKinney-Vento Act. 42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(1)(I), (g)(7). Additionally, the Act requires that school districts maintain records so they "are available, in a timely fashion, when a child or youth enters a new school or school district." 42 U.S.C. 11432(g)(3)(D).*

## Winter Training Opportunities

### Understanding Doubled Up Families Tuesday, January 27 from 12:30pm – 3:30am ELC in Conference Room 8A

NEW! Participants explore the issue of doubling-up. Doubled-up is the informal wording used to describe a concept included in the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of *homeless*. It refers to shared living arrangements, some of which may be considered homeless, while others may not be, depending on various factors. An interactive exercise will assist participants in understanding the frustration and stress that homeless families and youth encounter.

### High School Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Wednesday, January 28 from 8:30am – 11:30am ELC in Conference Room 3A

NEW! Participants will be provided with information on the McKinney Vento Homeless Education Act and how it applies to unaccompanied homeless youth in high school. Community, high school and college resources will be discussed to better serve these "hidden students". An interactive exercise will assist participants in understanding the frustration and stress that homeless families and youth encounter.

### McKinney-Vento 101 Thursday, January 29 from 8:30am – 11:30am ELC in Conference Room 8A

Participants will receive an overview of educational rights, policies and procedures for students experiencing homelessness. An interactive exercise will assist participants in understanding the plight of family homelessness. School coordinators are recommended to attend one session per year. Other personnel that work with this population of students are encouraged to attend as well.

Due to an unforeseen delay, Dress2Learn clothing will be delivered in January. Thank you for making this program a huge success. Through your coordinated efforts, OCPS served over 3,000 students with new clothing!



As the MVP coordinator at your school, please share the information in this newsletter with your staff. Thank you!



If you have any questions, please contact the MVP program

407-317-3485

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Homeless Student Count for 12/1/14: 4,938

*The MVP staff would like to thank you for all you accomplish on behalf of students experiencing homelessness. We hope you have a restful holiday season.*

