

# McKimney-Vento Voice

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#### School of Origin

Q: How long can a student attend his or her school of origin?



A: Students have a right to remain in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness, even if the child's homelessness extends over multiple school years. In addition, if a student moves into permanent housing during the school year, the student can finish that academic year in the school of origin but, will not be provided transportation. The decision about which school the child should attend is based on the child's best interest and can be reevaluated at the beginning of each school year.

### Repeat Training Dates

The MVP office will be repeating the Winter Training Series. If you have previously attended a Homeless Education Training, you do not need to attend. Please spread the word to others who could benefit from this valuable information. Visit signmeup.com to register.

#### Understanding Doubled Up Families

Tuesday, March 10 8:30am – 11:30am RBELC Conference Room 8A

## High School Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Thursday, March 12 8:30am – 11:30am RBELC Conference Room 8A

McKinney-Vento 101 Thursday, March 12 from 12:00pm – 3:00pm

RBELC Conference Room 8A



#### Kids Closet Open House

All Social Workers,
Homeless Education School
Coordinators, Guidance
Counselors, and
Administrators are welcome!

March 4, 2015 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Stop by and check out what is available for your students and families!

# March is Social Worker Appreciation Month.

Social work is a professional and academic discipline that seeks to improve the quality of life and subjective well-being of individuals, families, couples, and groups. School social workers connect schools, families, and the community throughout the District. The MVP office would like to recognize and thank social workers for all your work on behalf of homeless students.



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 Homeless.ocps.net

Homeless Student Count for 02/28/15: 6,011

### Quick Note about SMS Coding

The identification of homeless students begins with SMS. Coding that is completed at the school will qualify students for services from the MVP office, transportation, and food services. Please code all three data elements under the FEDERAL INFO tab. These fields include:

Homeless Student (Y or N), Homeless Cause, and

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.

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