



Meet the Project Access School Social Worker



Ms. Juarez

If you have questions or concerns about yourself, a peer, or if you are a concerned parent, please feel free to contact me at:

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Project Access Services:

- + School wide interventions
- + Individual counseling
- + Group counseling
- + Case management
- + Bus tickets (if eligible)
- + Referrals for community resources (clothing, food, shelter, and housing assistance)
- + Provides funding for extracurricular school

Project ACCESS (Achievement in Core Curriculum for Equity and Student Success) serves schools, families and the community by providing support and advocacy that enable students to become college and career-ready graduates.

Rights

Foster/Homeless students have a right to attend and receive a free appropriate public education. FUSD's Project ACCESS Department can assist you with the following rights:

- + Foster/Homeless students cannot be kept out of school if you lack required documentation for enrollment.
- + If you lack permanent housing, a Project ACCESS Affidavit will have to be completed upon enrollment.
- + Student has the right to remain at the school of origin. If student is homeless, they have the right to remain until the end of the school year; unless student is in high school, they have the right to remain all four years.
- + If you do not agree with the school placement of your child, you can file a dispute form.
- + Public transportation assistance is available when the student resides outside of their school of origin boundaries.

***Affidavits are required to be completed annually as they are only good for the current academic school year. Families will receive a reminder notification to resubmit if their status of housing has not changed.**

District Services

The McKinney-Vento Act defined homelessness as "lacking a fixed, regular, stable & adequate nighttime residence." Project ACCESS offers families & students who are currently in transition the opportunity to apply for services and to receive assistance upon meeting criteria. Students in foster care automatically receive Project ACCESS services and have the right to remain at their school of origin if it is in the student's best interest. Our staff works to ensure the student's academic and social emotional needs are met and to provide additional support.