

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



The McKinney-Vento Act



IS YOUR FAMILY TEMPORARILY STAYING IN:

- someone else's house or apartment due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason?
- a hotel or motel?
- a shelter?
- a car, park, campground, abandoned building, or other inadequate space?

Your local school district's homeless liaison may be able to help!

If your family is staying in these living situations, your children have the right to receive extra services and supports in school under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. These include:

- Staying in the same school, even if you move, and receiving free transportation to and from that school if it is in your best educational interest to stay
- Immediate enrollment, even if you don't have the documents that are typically required for enrollment
- Receiving free school meals
- Connecting younger children to early childhood services
- College readiness assistance for high school students
- Referrals to the community for help with other needs



Please reach out to the homeless liaison to see if your child may be eligible.



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If you are unable to reach the liaison, please contact your McKinney-Vento Homeless Education State Coordinator: schoolhouseconnection.org/homeless-directory