

ALL CHILDREN AND YOUTH HAVE THE RIGHT TO FREE, APPROPRIATE PUBLIC EDUCATION

Including children and youth with:

- Uncertain housing
- A temporary address
- No permanent physical address

The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who, *due to a lack of housing*, does not have a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This would be a child or youth who lives:

- “Doubled-up” with relatives or friends
- In an emergency shelter or transitional shelter
- In a motel, hotel or campground
- In a car, park, public place, bus or train station, or abandoned building
- In these conditions and is a migratory child or unaccompanied youth

Children and youth in these settings meet the criteria for the McKinney-Vento definition and have special educational rights.

McKinney-Vento Rights allow students in transition to:

- Enroll and attend school no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Enroll and attend classes while required documentation is being gathered.
- Continue to attend the school they attended before their loss of housing or the last school they attended, if possible and in their best interest.
- Request assistance with transportation.
- Receive free lunch.



Where can I get help?

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