

Homelessness

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Does your family lives in any of the following situations?

- In a shelter.
- In a motel or campground due to lack of alternative adequate accommodation.
- In a car, park, abandoned building, bus or train station.
- Doubled-up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship.

If the answer to any of those options is “yes,” your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

If eligible, your children have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school the school in which they were last enrolled) if that is your preference and is feasible.
 - If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you a written of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your child’s needs.

If you need further assistance with your children’s educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education at (800) 308-2145 and nche.ed.gov.”

Refer to board policy 501.16.