Even if you have:
- Uncertain housing
- A temporary address
- No permanent physical address

You are guaranteed enrollment in school by the federal McKinney-Vento Act and California state law if you live:
- In a house or apartment with more than one family due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- With friends or family because you are a runaway or an unaccompanied youth
- In substandard housing (without electricity, water, or heat)
- In a shelter (family, domestic violence or youth shelter or transitional living program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the streets

You can enroll in school immediately even without the documents normally required for enrollment, such as:
- Proof of residency
- Immunization records or other required health records
- School records
- Legal guardianship papers

Your child may:
- Participate fully in all school activities and programs for which he/she is eligible
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin if you request it
- Continue to attend the school in which he/she was last enrolled even if you have moved away from that school’s attendance area
- Qualify automatically for nutrition programs

Your responsibilities are to:
- Make sure your child gets to school on time and ready to learn
- Stay informed of school rules, regulations, and activities
- Contact the homeless liaison for assistance in removing barriers to your child’s education
- Attend parent/teacher conferences, Back-to-School Nights, and other school-related activities

For questions about enrolling in school or for assistance with school enrollment, contact:

Your local school district homeless liaison:
Cindy Gentry
Coordinator, Student Programs
Merced County Office of Education
1850 Wardrobe Ave., Bldg K
Merced, CA 95341
209-381-6788

Your county homeless liaison:
Sandra Stevens
Foster Youth Services
Merced County Office of Education
632 West 13th Street
Merced, CA 95341
209-381-5944

Your homeless state coordinator:
Leanne Wheeler
State Coordinator
California Department of Education
1430 N Street, Suite 6408
Sacramento, CA 95814
Phone: 868-856-8214