You can ENROLL in school!

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 school 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:**

  Lorraine Ortega,
  M.S. School Counseling & Leadership
  15430 Shadybend Dr.
  Hacienda Heights, CA. 91745
  (626) 933-5313

- **Your county homeless liaison:**

  Melissa Schoonmaker, L.C.S.W.
  Consultant II, Homeless Education
  Los Angeles County Office of Education
  9300 Imperial Highway, ECW 376
  Downey, CA 90242

- **Your homeless state coordinator:**

  Leanne Wheeler
  State Coordinator
  California Department of Education
  1430 N Street, Suite 6408
  Sacramento, CA 95814
  Phone: 1-866-856-8214

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