

Your McKinney-Vento rights:

If your family lives in any of the following situations:

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

Then your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

If your children are eligible, they/you have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll immediately and full participation in all school activities, even if lacking paperwork normally required.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- To attend the school of school of origin (if requested by parent and is feasible) or in the school in the attendance area where the family or youth is currently residing.

****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 with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.****

- Receive transportation to/from school of origin, if this is requested by the parent.
 - Receive supplemental educational services received by housed schoolmates, including special education, free school meals, Title I services, ELL services, preschool services, gifted and talented services
 - To dispute an enrollment decision and for a child or youth to be admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought.
 - A local homeless education liaison in every school district or LEA
 - To attend school along with children not experiencing homelessness.
Segregation bases on a students status as homeless is strictly prohibited
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If you believe your children may be eligible, please contact
Vida Charter School's Local Liaison, School Counselor, Jess Malone:
717-334-3643 or jessicamalone@vidacharterschool.com