

IS YOUR HOUSING UNCERTAIN? DO YOU LIVE AT A TEMPORARY ADDRESS?



You can still enroll in school and may get free transportation under the McKinney-Vento Act.

WHO IS COVERED BY THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT?

CHILDREN AND YOUTH WHO DON'T HAVE A FIXED, ADEQUATE AND REGULAR NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE, SUCH AS THOSE LIVING:

- in an emergency or transitional shelter;
- with friends or relatives because of loss of housing or economic hardship (also known as doubled up);
- in a motel, hotel or campground;
- in a car, bus or train station or other public place;
- in an abandoned building or some other inadequate accommodations; or
- in temporary situations while awaiting foster care placement.

WHAT EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS DO STUDENTS HAVE WHEN LIVING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING?

THEY CAN:

- enroll in school and attend classes immediately;
- get free transportation;
- get free school meals without completing an application;
- participate in any school activity or program available to other students; and
- get special education services immediately if the student has a current IEP.

WHERE CAN STUDENTS GO TO SCHOOL WHEN LIVING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING?

THEY CAN CHOOSE FROM:

- the school they went to when permanently housed;
- the last school they went to; or
- the school located in the attendance area where they are temporarily living.

STUDENTS WHO TRANSFER SCHOOLS OFTEN DO WORSE IN SCHOOL THAN THOSE WHO DON'T TRANSFER.

THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT CAN HELP SOLVE THIS PROBLEM BY ALLOWING STUDENTS TO STAY IN THE SAME SCHOOL AND GET FREE TRANSPORTATION.



FOR MORE DETAILED INFORMATION, ASK THE LIAISON IN YOUR DISTRICT OR NYS-TEACHS FOR A BROCHURE. SEE BELOW FOR CONTACT INFORMATION.

EVERY SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST APPOINT A HOMELESS EDUCATION LIAISON TO HELP HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE LIAISON AND OTHER USEFUL ORGANIZATIONS CAN BE FOUND BELOW.

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