

Services Provided by School Districts in Monterey County and Monterey County Office of Education may include:

Backpacks and school supplies

School and P.E. Uniforms

Access to the Family Resource Center

Enrollment assistance and advocacy

Assistance with referrals to health services, counseling services, and obtaining educational records

Travel assistance to and from school of origin

High School graduation credit waivers for students who qualify

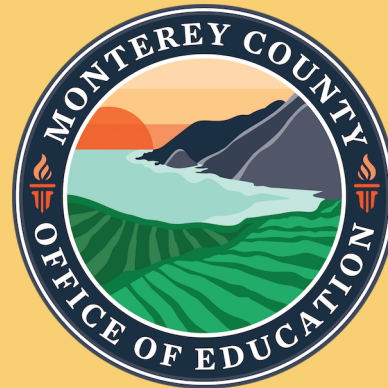
Priority status for before school and after school programs

Advice for emergency shelter and resource list

College Tours for high school seniors and a summer Super Scholars Program for all high school students

Transition assistance between high school and college

Services vary between districts.



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Program Coordinator
Homeless Children and Youth Services

Please visit our website :
<https://www.montereycoe.org/divisions-services/homeless>



MONTEREY COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION
HOMELESS CHILDREN & YOUTH



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 reduction programs
- Your responsibilities are to:**
- Make sure your child gets to school on time and study 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

You can ENROLL in school!

It is not a crime to live in one of the above situations and schools are here to assist you and your children with enrollment and appropriate services. This information will not be shared outside of the educational entity.

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

- **Your local school district homeless liaison:**
Donna Smith, Ed.D
Program Coordinator
Homeless Children and Youth Services
Monterey County Office of Education
(831) 755-0300 Ext. 1129
- **Your county homeless liaison:**
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For Children, Youth, and Families
experiencing housing insecurity
in Monterey County.

We are Here to Help! Children and Youth are our Priority!



The McKinney-Vento Assistance Act ensures that children and youth, considered homeless or living in transitional housing, have the same educational rights and protections as all other school children and youth.

Who Qualifies for Services?

Students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate night-time residence which includes:

Shared housing due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Living in a car, park, RV park, campsite, or similar location, hotel or motel, homeless shelter, or transitional housing

Moving from place to place or couch surfing

Living in a residence with inadequate facilities such as no water, heat, electricity, plumbing, or having an infestation of animals or mold

Living in an encampment or on the street

Living in a shed or unconverted garage

Unaccompanied minors (children & youth under 18, not in the physical custody of a parent or court-appointed guardian)

How are Homeless Students Assisted Under the Law?

Students will be immediately enrolled in school regardless of documentation such as vaccinations, proof of age, or residency requirements.

Students have the right to remain in their school of origin as long as they are considered homeless.

Students have the right to receive free transportation to and from the school of origin.

Students immediately qualify for a school nutrition program.

Students have the right to receive supports for academic success and participate fully in school activities.



Each public school district and charter school in Monterey County has a special Homeless or Transition Liaison on site. If you need to reach your Liaison, contact the district or school directly. If you need further assistance, contact Dr. Donna Smith, Program Coordinator for Homeless Services for Monterey County Office of Education.

