

# INFORMATION for PARENTS



**If your family lives in any of the following situations:**

In a shelter

In a motel or  
campground due  
to the lack of an  
alternative adequate  
accommodation

In a car, park,  
abandoned  
building,  
or bus or train  
station

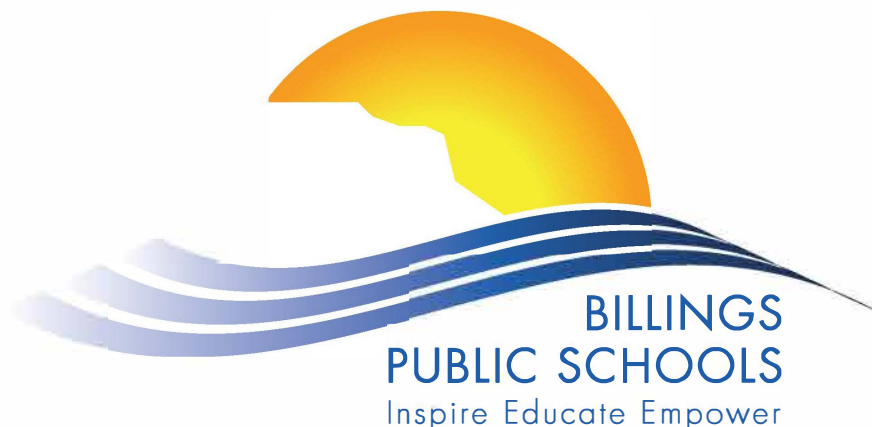
Doubled up  
with other  
people due to  
loss of housing  
or economic  
hardship

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

**Your eligible children have the right to:**

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference,
  - 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 and from the school of origin, if you request this.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

***If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.***



[www.billingsschools.org/programs/homeless-education](http://www.billingsschools.org/programs/homeless-education)

**Phone: 406.281.5995 • Email: [familyresourcecenter@billingsschools.org](mailto:familyresourcecenter@billingsschools.org)**