You Can Enroll in School

Even if you have:

- Uncertain housing
- A temporary address
- No permanent physical address

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

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

Your child may:

- Participate fully in 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:

- 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

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

Your school district homeless liaison:
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650-558-2257

Your county homeless liaison:
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Your state homeless coordinator:
Leanne Wheeler
California Department
of Education
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