

Support for Students Experiencing Housing Instability



Educational Rights



School Support



Community Resources

Turlock Unified School District is committed to supporting students and families through housing transitions by providing access to education, stability, and community resources.

How Students & Families Can Access Services

Students and families can get help by:

- Talking with a school counselor, teacher, administrator, or office staff
- Asking for the McKinney-Vento Liaison
- Requesting support through the TUSD Family Resource Center



Turlock Unified School District


McKinney-Vento


Student Rights & Community Resources




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What the McKinney-Vento Act Means

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act is a federal law that helps students who are experiencing homelessness or housing instability. Under this law:

A “homeless” student isn’t just someone living outside — it includes students sharing housing due to economic hardship, living in motels, shelters, cars, parks or other places not meant for permanent housing, and unaccompanied youth.

Schools must designate a McKinney-Vento Liaison to help identify eligible students and connect them with services.

Your Rights Under McKinney-Vento

- ✓ Immediate school enrollment, even without typical documents (like proof of address or records).
- ✓ Stay in your school of origin (the school you were in when housing became unstable) if it’s best for you.
- ✓ School transportation support.
- ✓ Full participation in school activities and programs.
- ✓ Confidential handling of your living situation.

School-Based Support in Turlock

The district provides connection to services including backpacks, school supplies, emergency clothing, transportation assistance, and community referrals for housing

TUSD Family Resource Center (FRC)

The Turlock Unified School District Family Resource Center is a **free, confidential support hub** for students and families who may be experiencing housing instability, financial hardship, or other life challenges.

The Family Resource Center works closely with schools and the McKinney-Vento program to help students stay engaged in school and connected to the support they need.

How the TUSD FRC Can Help

The FRC can assist students and families with:

- Referrals to housing and shelter resources
- Food, clothing, school supplies, backpacks, shoes, and hygiene support
- Connections to medical, social service, and community programs
- Help accessing internet services
- Assistance for families during crisis or transition

Services are voluntary, confidential, and focused on supporting the whole family.



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Community Resources



Housing & Shelter Support

- **Turlock Gospel Mission** – Local shelter serving families and individuals.
- **We Care Program Turlock** – Homeless shelter and support (check current hours/services).
- **Youth Navigation & Shelter (Stanislaus County)** – Provides emergency shelter for youth and young adults (ages 13–24) with 24/7 helpline: (209) 526-1441.



Food, Clothing & Basic Needs

- **United Samaritans Foundation** – Food, clothing, basic needs, and support services.
- **Salvation Army** – Community support and connections to services.
- **Stanislaus County Community Services Agency** – Helps with food benefits (CalFresh), employment support, and basic needs.
- **Aspiranet Family Resource Center** – Local nonprofit offering various assistance

💡 *Tip: You can also dial 211 (free) for help locating food pantries, rental aid, utilities assistance, showers and more throughout Stanislaus County.*



Mental Health & Counseling

- **Aspiranet** – Mental health services for youth & families.
- **Turlock Family Counseling** – Counseling services.
- **La Familia Central Valley** – Mental health clinic.
- **Sierra Vista Child & Family Services** – Child and family support services.
- **Downey Park Counseling Associates** – Mental health counseling.