Information for Parents

IF YOU ARE STAYING IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter or transitional housing

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In a motel, hotel, or campground because you don't have another safe and stable place to stay

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

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In someone else's house because you lost your housing or are going through a hard time financially and don't have another safe and stable place to stay

Your school-age child(ren) might qualify for help at school under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

NAEHCY
National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth

If your child(ren) qualify under the McKinney-Vento Act, they have the right to:

Go to public school for free and participate fully in school activities.

Enroll in school immediately and go to class, even if you don't have the documents normally required for school. The school where you are enrolled is responsible for helping you get any documents needed to keep attending classes.

Enroll in the local school near where you're staying or continue going to your school of origin (the school you went to when you last had a safe and stable place to live or the school where you were last enrolled), based on where you think would be best for you to go to school.

If the school district thinks that where you want to go to school is not in your best interest, the district has to tell you in writing why it thinks another school would be better for you and give you the opportunity to appeal its decision if you want to do that. The district also has to connect you with the McKinney-Vento district liaison, who has to help you understand your right to appeal.

Get transportation to and from your school of origin, if you keep going to this school and ask for transportation.

Get help at school that is similar to the help other students get, based on what you might need. These services could include transportation, academic help, and free meals at school.

If you think your child(ren) might qualify, contact the district McKinney-Vento local liaison or the McKinney-Vento state coordinator to find out what help might be available for your child(ren) at school.

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You also can contact the National Center for Homeless Education if you have questions about your education:

1-305-306-8495 • NCHE.helpline@safalpartners.com • http://nche.ed.gov

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