The Orange County Department of Education
Homeless Outreach Promoting Educational Success (HOPES) Collaborative

YOU CAN ENROLL IN SCHOOL!

ORANGE COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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The McKinney-Vento Education for Homeless Children and Youth Act defines a "homeless" student as one between 0-22 years of age, who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate night time stay, and includes students who are preschool age, as well as students who receive special education services.
(42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.; hereafter the McKinney-Vento Act)

School Enrollment Procedures

FOR STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOUSING INSECURITY

If the student does not have a permanent address, or proof of age, schools must:

- Immediately enroll student and accept any of the following:
- Provide a caregiver Affidavit (if student is living with an adult caregiver- not the parent or guardian)
- Contact last school of attendance and receive verbal verification of age
- Request a hard copy of information
- Provide an affidavit of Proof of Age of Minor
- Provide other documentation allowed via district policy

If the student does not have transfer papers, exit grades, transcripts or other academic records, schools must:

- Immediately enroll student and make a placement based upon information provided by student and parent; request records from previous school site(s)

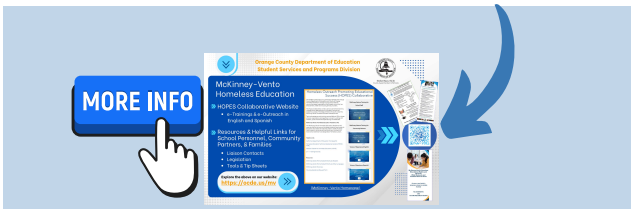
If the student does not have immunization records, schools must:

- Immediately enroll student
- Contact last school of attendance and receive a verbal verification of immunizations
- Request a hard copy of information
- Provide family with local Child Health and Disability Prevention (CHDP) program sites to get any immunizations still needed

Also includes students who:

- Live "doubled-up" due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason;
- Live in hotels, motels or transitional housing:
- Live in an abandoned building, park, car, or other facility not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Live in emergency or domestic violence shelters;
- Live in a trailer park or campsite temporarily with their family, because of lack of adequate living accommodations;
- Are migratory, refugee, or an abandoned, runaway, or throwaway youth that qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances describe above.

If the student does not have access to school supplies, technology, and/or transportation

- Contact your school or district homeless education liaison

find your district liaison here