Orange County Department of Education
Educational Services Division

McKinney-Vento Homeless Educational Rights and Services

Are you or your family in temporary, shared, or unstable housing?

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HELP
YOU HAVE RIGHTS AND
YOU ARE WELCOME AT SCHOOL

WHAT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW

Your Rights

ALL eligible students, regardless of legal documentation, immigration status, or presence of parent/caregiver have the right to:

- Immediate enrollment and full participation in school, including preschool, afterschool activities, and extracurricular activities
- Enroll without having a
  - permanent address/proof of residency
  - legal guardianship or school records
  - immunization records
- Choose between two options - continue to attend the school where last enrolled *(school of origin)*, or enroll in the school serving the area where currently staying *(school of residence)*
- If the family/student gains permanent housing, the student can remain at the current school for the duration of that academic year.
- Transportation from your current residence to the student's *school of origin*, if requested
- Unaccompanied youth may enroll in school immediately, and receive partial/full credit for schoolwork completed elsewhere

The Federal McKinney-Vento and California state laws remove all educational barriers faced by children and youth without a fixed, regular, and/or adequate nighttime stay.

Who is Eligible?

Eligibility is determined by your nighttime stay. Children and youth, attending public preschools through college, qualify if you are:

- Staying in a house or apartment with more than one family due to loss of housing or economic hardship – *doubled up*
- Staying with friends or family because you are a runaway or unaccompanied youth
- In a shelter (family, domestic violence, or youth shelter)
- In an abandoned building, campground, sleeping in a car, RV, beach or park, or on the streets
- A refugee who is in unstable housing

Community Resources

The website below can link you with OC community resources.
Service is free and available 24/7

211oc.org
Call 2-1-1 or 888-600-4357
Text your zip code to 898211

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

Your district/school support team:

Your county support team:
Orange County Department of Education
HOPES Collaborative
homelessed@ocde.us | 714-966-4093
https:\\ocde.us/mv

Your state support team:
California Department of Education
Homeless Education Team
HomelessEd@cde.ca.gov | 866-856-8214
https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy