

What are schools required to do under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act?

Schools must keep children in the school of origin (the school that the child or youth attended when permanently housed or where last enrolled) to the extent feasible, except where contrary to the wishes of the parent or guardian. The child or youth’s right to attend their school of origin extends throughout the entire duration of homelessness.

Schools must remove any barriers that contribute to exclusion or enrollment delay. This means schools are required to immediately enroll children and youth experiencing homelessness and then follow up to retrieve missing school records, etc.

Each school must post the contact information of the district’s Homeless Education Liaison.

Each school must post public notice of educational rights of children and youth experiencing homelessness.

Schools must ensure enrollment with full and equal opportunity for students to succeed in school.

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Youth In Transition

**Guidance
Assistance
Services**

Every Student Has the right to an Education

Can the student go to the same place (**fixed**) every night (**regular**) to sleep in a safe and sufficient space (**adequate**)?

If, due to a loss of housing or economic hardship, you must live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground; on the street; in abandoned buildings; doubled-up with relatives or friends; awaiting foster care placement; or you are an unaccompanied youth (not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian); then you are eligible to receive services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Your student has the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there.
- Continue in the school you last attended before you became homeless (school of origin) or you may enroll in the school that serves the area where you are now staying (attendance area school).
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school where you are seeking enrollment even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your child.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children in these programs.

Parent Engagement

Children can be encouraged by your interest in their day at school, their homework, and the papers they bring from school.

They also benefit when you take time to ask questions about school or visit their school.

Here are some questions for you to ask your child about school:

- Tell me about the best part of your day.
- What was the hardest thing you had to do in school today?
- Tell me about what you read in class.
- Do you think math (or any subject) is too easy or too hard?
- Can you show me something you learned (or did) today?
- What made you laugh/worry/smile in school today?

Here are some questions for you to ask at your child's school:

- Who is the site liaison for homeless education?
- What transportation is available for my child to stay in the school of origin?
- If we have to change schools, can someone help us transfer records quickly?
- What tutoring services are available for my child?
- How can my child receive free meals at school?
- Where are resources available?
- Can my child be part of sports, music, or other activities?
- How can I become involved with the school (PTO, School Site Council, ELAC, etc.)?

Free Breakfast and Lunch Program

Public school children benefit from federal school nutrition programs that provide nutritious meals. Free breakfast and lunches are available to homeless students.

The Site Community Liaison will also give you information about services, including:

- Free Breakfast and Lunch
- Uniforms and School Supplies
- Emergency Basic Need Items (clothing, hygiene kits, etc.)
- English Language Learner Services
- Special Education Services
- Migrant Education Services
- Gifted and Talented Services
- Before and After-School Programs
- Testing Fee Waivers/Financial Aid
- Community Services
- District Parenting/Family Programs

What if I have a problem with my rights and services?

You have the right to discuss problems about services you receive with the District Liaison. The school must continue to provide services until the problem has been resolved. The District Liaison must also explain the dispute resolution process. You should also receive information about low-cost or free legal aid, and other programs in the community to help you.

