

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH



IF YOU LIVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS, since summer:

- Doubled up with other people due to lack of affordable housing or economic hardship
 - Teenagers living with friends, extended family, strangers...without parents/legal guardians all the time or some times
- Inadequate, such as lack of consistent water, electricity, heat or extensive mold, vermin
 - In a shelter
 - In a car, forest, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodation

You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible students have the right to:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education. All general school fees waived! Automatic free meals. Connect with a school counselor.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment and lacking parents/legal guardians.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is their preference.
 - * If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.



Local Liaison

State Coordinator

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If you need further assistance with your educational needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:

1-800-308-2145 * homeless@serve.org * <http://nche.ed.gov>