

# KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



## The McKinney-Vento Act

### IS YOUR FAMILY TEMPORARILY STAYING IN:



- someone else's house or apartment due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason?
- a hotel or motel?
- a shelter?
- a car, park, campground, abandoned building, or other inadequate space?

**Your local school district's homeless liaison may be able to help!**

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If your family is staying in these living situations, your children have the right to receive extra services and supports in school under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. These include:

- Staying in the same school, even if you move, and receiving free transportation to and from that school if it is in your best educational interest to stay
- Immediate enrollment, even if you don't have the documents that are typically required for enrollment
- Receiving free school meals
- Connecting younger children to early childhood services
- College readiness assistance for high school students
- Referrals to the community for help with other needs



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**Please reach out to the homeless liaison to see if your child may be eligible.**



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If you are unable to reach the liaison, please contact your McKinney-Vento Homeless Education State Coordinator: [schoolhouseconnection.org/homeless-directory](https://schoolhouseconnection.org/homeless-directory)