

Children & Youth in homeless situations have the right to

- go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there
- stay at their old school
- go to the public school where they live now
- enroll in school immediately, even without the normal paperwork
- transportation to and from school provided by the school district
- free school meals, before and after school care, special education, and ESL services

For help enrolling in school or dealing with other education issues, families, children, or youths experiencing homelessness should contact:

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What does "homeless" mean?

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"Homeless" means more than you think...

Children without a fixed, regular, and adequate residence are considered to be in a "homeless" situation under the McKinney-Vento Act.

"Homeless" situations also include:

- Children & youths staying with friends or relatives because they have lost their housing
- Children & youths waiting for foster care placement
- Children & youths living in any of these places: hotels or motels, bus stations, trailer parks, public spaces, emergency or transitional shelters, abandoned buildings, cars, or campgrounds
- Migratory children & unaccompanied students living in any of the circumstances listed above



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