

Has COVID made your housing situation uncertain?



You **HAVE THE RIGHT** to Enroll Your Child In School!

Even if you have:

- › Uncertain housing
- › A temporary address
- › No permanent physical address

You are guaranteed enrollment in school by the federal McKinney Vento Act and California state law if you live:

- › Sharing housing or apartment with another family due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- › With friends or family members because you are a runaway or an unaccompanied youth
- › In substandard housing (without electricity, water, or heat)
- › In a shelter (family, domestic violence, or youth shelter or transitional living program)
- › In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- › In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the streets

You can enroll in school immediately even without the documents normally required for enrollment, such as:

- › Proof of residency
- › Immunization records or other required health records
- › School records
- › Legal guardianship papers

Your child may:

- › Participate fully in all school activities and programs for which he/she is eligible.
- › Receive transportation to and from the school of origin if you request it.
- › Continue to attend the school in which he/she was last enrolled even if you have moved away from that school's attendance area.
- › Qualify automatically for school free or reduced lunch programs.

Your responsibilities are to:

- › Make sure your child gets to school on time and ready to learn.
- › Stay informed of school rules, regulations, and activities.
- › Contact the McKinney Vento liaison for assistance in removing barriers to your child's education.
- › Attend parent/teacher conferences, Back-to-School Nights, and other school-related activities.

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

Your local school district liaison: _____

Your county liaison: _____

Your state coordinator:

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