






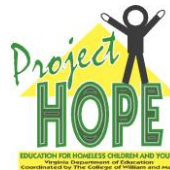
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The federal McKinney-Vento Act guarantees school enrollment for anyone who, **due to a lack of permanent housing**, lives in **inadequate** or **temporary** settings, such as:

- In emergency or transitional shelters.
- In motels, hotels, or campgrounds.
- In cars, parks, public places, bus or train stations, or abandoned buildings.
- Doubled up with relatives or friends.
- In these conditions and is a migratory child or youth.
- Children and youth living in these settings and are living separated from their parents or guardians.

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What Students Need to Know



If you have

- Uncertain Housing
- A Temporary Address
- No Permanent Physical Address

You may be able to remain in the same school and get help with transportation.

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EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH LACKING FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE HOUSING

Students should know:

- You do not need a permanent address to enroll in school.
- You cannot be denied school enrollment when school records or other enrollment documentation are not immediately available.
- You may be able to remain in the same school (school of origin) even if you move.
- You have the right to transportation services to and from the school of origin.
- Schools must provide you with a written explanation if a placement dispute occurs, and you may appeal the school's decision.
- You automatically qualify to participate in free breakfast and lunch programs.
- You have the right to participate in extracurricular activities and all federal, state, or local programs for which he/she is eligible.
- Unaccompanied youth lacking fixed, regular, and adequate housing have these same rights.



Children and youth living in these settings meet criteria for the McKinney-Vento definition of homelessness and have special educational rights.

AT SCHOOL, ASK ABOUT THESE SPECIAL SERVICES

- Tutoring programs
- Programs to help students learn English
- Gifted or talented programs
- Summer school programs
- Preschool programs
- Before and after school programs
- Homeless assistance programs
- Special education programs for students with disabilities, especially if the student has previously received special education services

SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS ALSO MAY PROVIDE

- Quiet time or a personal space to allow you to complete homework at school
- Basic school supplies
- Contact information for community agencies and helpful resources

OTHER RESOURCES:

- **Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline** (VA Department of Social Services) 800-552-7096
- **Virginia Family Violence and Sexual Assault Hotline** 800-838-8238
- **Center for Disease Control and Prevention** 800-342-2437
- **Statewide Human Services Information and Referral** 800-230-6977
- **Food Stamps** 804-726-7378
- **Lawyer Referral Service** 800-552-7977
- **National Runaway Switchboard** 800-786-2929
- **Child Help USA Hotline** Counselors available to talk with pre-teens about their problems. 800-422-4453
- **Virginia Interagency Action Council for the Homeless (VIACH)** 804-371-7175 www.endhomelessnessva.org

TIPS FOR STUDENTS WHO MOVE OFTEN

- Keep a copy of birth certificates, school records, and health and immunization records..
- Ask for a 911 phone and ask your guidance counselor where you can charge it during the day.
- Have a reliable person keep a second copy of your birth certificate, school records, and health information.
- Keep in touch with your Homeless Liaison.



WHAT YOU CAN DO BEFORE MOVING

- Tell your teacher and principal that you are moving and give them the new address.
- Let school officials know if you want to stay in your school of origin while you are getting stabilized.
 - Ask for a copy of your school records, including immunizations.

