

Contact your local Homeless Liaison.

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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.

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.
- When in your child’s best interest, he or she has the right to request transportation assistance.
- 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.

Agency Information List

The following contacts may be useful resources to families and children experiencing homelessness:

Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline (VA Department of Social Services)	800-552-7096
VA Sexual and Domestic Violence Action Alliance	804-377-0335
Virginia Housing Development Authority	877-834-2123
Social Security Administration Hotline	800-772-1213
Virginia Legal Aid	866-534-5243
SNAP: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	800-552-3431
Cover Virginia – Medicaid & FAMIS	855-242-8282
National Runaway Switchboard	800-786-2929
Free Tax Assistance & Earned Income Tax Credit Information	800-829-1040
National Center for Homeless Education	800-308-2145
Hill Burton Free and Reduced-Cost Hospital Care	800-638-0742
LOCAL AGENCIES	
Floyd Emergency Assistance	540-745-2102 540-745-2287
Giles Emergency Assistance	540-921-2146
Montgomery Emergency Assistance	540-382-6186
Pulaski Emergency Assistance	540-980-5525
Radford Emergency Assistance	540-267-3205
New River Family Shelter	540-382-6188
Women’s Resource Center Hot Line	540-639-1123
To Our House	540-382-6186
VA Cares	540-382-9382
Community Action Main Office	540-633-5133
Rescue Mission of Roanoke	540-343-7227

SCHOOL PROFESSIONALS ALSO MAY PROVIDE

- Quiet time or a personal space to allow you to complete homework at school
- Basic school supplies

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