Students' Rights and Services
McKinney-Vento Federal Act

The McKinney-Vento Assistance Act can help provide school stability for children and youth who do not have a permanent home or address.

SCHOOL CONTACT

For more information about your rights and services, please email or call the school liaison list below:

McKinney-Vento Liaison: **Kelly Shepherd**

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Do you have uncertain Housing?

A temporary address?

No permanent physical address?

Do you live in any of the following situations?

- Staying with more than one family in a house or apartment due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason (doubled-up)
- In a shelter (family, domestic violence, youth shelter, or transitional living program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- In an abandoned building, in a car, bus station, at a campground, or on the streets
- In housing that lacks electricity, water, heat, or proper structure

If yes, you may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible children and youth have the right to:

- Enroll immediately and fully participate in school, even if unable to produce records normally required for enrollment (academic records, immunization/health records, proof of residency, or other documentation) or have missed application and enrollment deadlines.
- Continue to attend the school where the student was last enrolled (school of origin), even if you have moved away from the school's attendance area, provided it is in the student's best interest. (School of Origin means the school a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school where the child was last enrolled, including a preschool.)
- Receive a written explanation of any decisions related to school selection or enrollment made by the school that does not agree with the parents/guardians or unaccompanied youth, including information on how to appeal the decision.
- Access the same educational services provided to other children, including special education, career, and technical education, or other programs based on the needs of the student.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin if it is requested.
- Receive free school meals, transportation, assistance with school supplies, school uniforms, technology, textbooks, or other school-related needs.
- Extra support for youth who are on their own, living away from their parents/guardians.
- Referrals to other needed services so the student can attend and participate fully in school.