



STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!



✓ DEFINITION

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act is a federal law that protects the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness. It defines "homeless children and youths" as any student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

✓ IDENTIFICATION

Families who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. (i.e. shelter, motel, campground, car, park, doubled-up with other people etc.) may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act. To self-identify, please complete the LAUSD Student Housing Questionnaire (SHQ) and turn it to the student's school.

✓ SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

A student can remain at the same school when permanently housed, where last enrolled, or where enrolled within the last 15 months where the student has a connection. They also have the right to remain in the school and District as long as they are experiencing homelessness, the right extends until end of the school year and for high school, it extends until high school graduation.

✓ TRANSPORTATION

Transportation assistance to and from school may be provided if requested and mileage requirements are met. Be sure to ask an SSS counselor about options for using an LAUSD school bus route, or TAP cards for public transportation.

✓ ENROLLMENT

Students have a right to immediate enrollment in school even if they are unable to produce records normally required for enrollment such as transcripts, other education records, medical records including immunizations, or proof of residency. The youth also have a right to attend school even if they do not have uniforms or other supplies required by the school.

✓ CREDITS/GRADES

Partial credits must be accepted by a school based on "weeks of enrollment", regardless of whether or not a student completed the semester at their previous school. A student may maintain grades and credits earned from a previous school placement, even if they transferred mid-semester.

✓ GRADUATION

Graduation exemptions are available if a student meet specific criteria; if they were identified as experiencing homelessness during a school change after second year of high school and are not on track to graduate with District graduation requirements.

✓ DISPUTE RESOLUTION/UCP

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment of a student experiencing homelessness, the student must be immediately enrolled, pending the resolution of the dispute and the Homeless Education Office must be contacted. The District's Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) may be used to report noncompliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and/or to appeal District decisions regarding such complaints. UCP brochures and complaint forms are available at all school sites and on the District's website at <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/3655>

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STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

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✓ DEFINITION

In the State of California a "foster youth" is defined as a youth who is currently the subject of a petition filed in the dependency court and is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile court. Youth who are declared dependents or "wards" of the dependency court have an "open court case" and are supervised by child welfare agencies. A foster youth may be living in a foster home, group home, with biological parents or relatives, or under court supervision. This may also include dependents of the court of a tribal organization as well as youth with DCFS to voluntary placement agreements.

✓ IDENTIFICATION

To help identify and support our students in foster care, a students' information on if they have an "open court case", may be shared between child welfare agencies (such as Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and LAUSD.

✓ SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

Students have the right to remain at the last school enrolled, the school attended when their court case opened, any school attended in the last 15 months, or their school of residence. They also have the right to remain in the school and District as long as their court case is open (for elementary/middle school, the right extends until the end of the school year in which the case closes; and for high school, it extends until high school graduation).

✓ TRANSPORTATION

Transportation assistance can be provided by a caregiver or foster parent and financial assistance may be provided through DCFS. Be sure to ask an SSS counselor about options for using an LAUSD school bus route, or TAP cards for public transportation.

✓ ENROLLMENT

Students have a right to immediate enrollment in school even if they are unable to produce records normally required for enrollment such as transcripts, other education records, medical records including immunizations, or proof of residency. The youth also have a right to attend school even if they do not have uniforms or other supplies required by the school.

✓ CREDITS/GRADES

Partial credits must be accepted by a school based on "weeks of enrollment", regardless of whether or not a student completed the semester at their previous school. A student may maintain grades and credits earned from a previous school placement, even if they transferred mid-semester.

✓ GRADUATION

Graduation exemptions are available if the student meets specific criteria. The student must have an "open court case" during a school change, is after the second year of high school, and not on track to graduate with District graduation requirements.

✓ DISPUTE RESOLUTION/UCP

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment of a student in the foster care system, the student must be immediately enrolled, pending the resolution of the dispute and the District Foster Youth Liaison must be contacted. The District's Uniform Complaint Procedures (UCP) may be used to report noncompliance with applicable state and federal laws and regulations and/or to appeal District decisions regarding such complaints. UCP brochures and complaint forms are available at all school sites and on the District's website at <http://achieve.lausd.net/Page/3655>

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STUDENTS INVOLVED IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

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The State of California defines juvenile justice youth as youth who violated (or are alleged to have violated) a state or federal law while under the age of 18 (WIC 602). EC defines a foster youth as follows: is the subject of a petition filed under Section 300 or 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, or has been removed from his or her home and is the subject of a petition filed under Section 300 or 602 of the Welfare and Institutions Code. These students are also defined as "foster youth" for educational purposes in the State of California and therefore, are afforded the same educational rights as foster youth. A probation youth may be living in a foster home, group home, with biological parents or relatives, or under court supervision.

✓ IDENTIFICATION

To help identify and support our students, information about any "open court case", may be shared between child welfare agencies (such as Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) and LAUSD). Juvenile Justice youth may also self-identify and records may be found on the LACOE EPS system, or a Student Transition Plan may be shared with a Specialized Student Services (SSS) Counselor.

✓ SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

This right is contingent on a change of placement. Students have the right to remain at the last school enrolled, the school attended when their court case opened, any school attended in last 15 months, or their school of residence. They also have the right to remain in the school and District as long as their court case is open (for elementary/middle school, the right extends until end of the school year in which the case closes; and for high school, it extends until high school graduation).

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✓ ENROLLMENT

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- (1) Arrest.
- (2) Adjudication by a juvenile court.
- (3) Formal or informal supervision by a probation officer.
- (4) Detention for any length of time in a juvenile facility or enrollment in a juvenile court school.

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✓ DISPUTE RESOLUTION/UCP

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