

HOMELESS EDUCATION OFFICE TIPS FOR

PARENTS/ GUARDIANS



THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ACT IS A FEDERAL LAW THAT PROTECTS THE EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS OF STUDENTS IN TEMPORARY HOUSING (“EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS”). IT DEFINES “HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS” AS ANY STUDENT WHO LACKS A FIXED, REGULAR, AND ADEQUATE NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE.

If your family lives in temporary housing (i.e. shelter, motel, campground, car, park, doubled-up with other people etc.) your child may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act.

WHAT RIGHTS DOES MY CHILD HAVE?

- Your child can attend any school they were enrolled in within the last 15 months (School of Origin) OR your child can attend their School of Residence.
- Right to immediate enrollment in school, even if some enrollment documents are missing.
- Transportation assistance to and from school.
- Access to the school breakfast/lunch program and educational services according to your child's needs.
- Assistance from the homeless liaison at your child's school with completing the Student Housing Questionnaire (SHQ) and right to request support services.

WHAT QUESTIONS SHOULD I ASK THE SCHOOL?

- Can I speak with the Designated School Site Homeless Liaison?
- What forms of transportation assistance are available?
- What are the eligibility requirements to qualify for transportation assistance?
- What services can we receive by filling out the Student Housing Questionnaire (SHQ)?
- Will my child's status remain confidential?



FOR ADDITIONAL SUPPORT, PLEASE CONTACT THE HOMELESS EDUCATION OFFICE AT (213) 202-7581