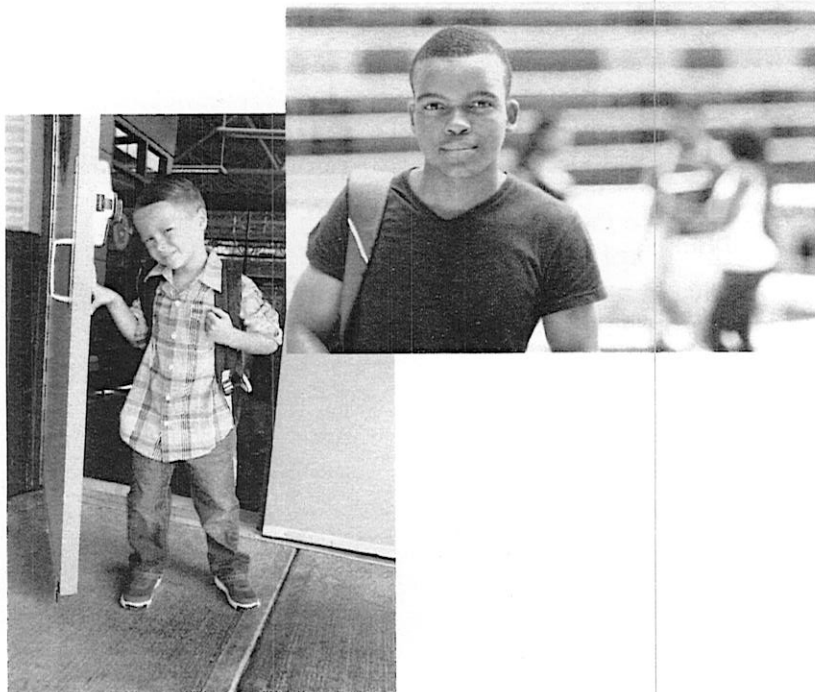


Children and youth experiencing homelessness have the right to be enrolled in school and fully participate in their education

Admitting that you, or your children, lack permanent housing can be uncomfortable. However, doing so privately to the school can ensure educational stability and access to numerous supports. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act is the federal law that deals with the challenges encountered by children and youth experiencing homelessness in relation to enrollment, attendance, and succeeding in school.



Your Rights:

- To stay in the same school, or go to a school in the district where you are temporarily staying
- Register for school regardless of if you have proof of residency, academic records, or health records
- To go to school right away

School Supports:

- Transportation to and from school
- Help obtaining school supplies
- Start the free/reduced lunch program
- Request required academic and health records be transferred from previous school(s)



Getting Help:

Each school district has a Homeless Liaison who is responsible for explaining your rights to you, and assisting you getting the support services needed. To find your school's Homeless Liaison, contact the superintendent's office of your school district or search the Homeless Liaison State Directory online at: <http://homeless.center-school.org/HomelessDirectory>.