



Orange County Department of Education  
Educational Services Division

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Educational Rights and Services

Are you or your family in temporary, shared, or unstable housing?

**YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR HELP  
YOU HAVE RIGHTS AND  
YOU ARE WELCOME AT SCHOOL**

## WHAT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES NEED TO KNOW



### Your Rights

**ALL eligible students, regardless of legal documentation, immigration status, or presence of parent/caregiver have the right to:**

- Immediate enrollment and full participation in school, including preschool, afterschool activities, and extracurricular activities
- Enroll without having a
  - permanent address/proof of residency
  - legal guardianship or school records
  - immunization records
- Choose between two options - continue to attend the school where last enrolled (*school of origin*), or enroll in the school serving the area where currently staying (*school of residence*)
- If the family/student gains permanent housing, the student can remain at the current school for the duration of that academic year.
- Transportation from your current residence to the student's *school of origin*, if requested
- Unaccompanied youth may enroll in school immediately, and receive partial/full credit for schoolwork completed elsewhere

The Federal McKinney-Vento and California state laws remove all educational barriers faced by children and youth without a fixed, regular, and/or adequate nighttime stay.

### Who is Eligible?

**Eligibility is determined by your nighttime stay. Children and youth, attending public preschools through college, qualify if you are:**

- Staying in a house or apartment with more than one family due to loss of housing or economic hardship – *doubled up*
- Staying with friends or family because you are a runaway or unaccompanied youth
- In a shelter (family, domestic violence, or youth shelter)
- In an abandoned building, campground, sleeping in a car, RV, beach or park, or on the streets
- A refugee who is in unstable housing

### Community Resources

**The website below can link you with OC community resources. Service is free and available 24/7**

[21loc.org](http://21loc.org)  
Call 2-1-1 or 888-600-4357  
Text your zip code to 898211

**For questions about enrolling in school or for assistance with school enrollment, contact:**

**Your district/school support team:**

**Your county support team:**

**Your state support team:**

Orange County Department of Education  
HOPES Collaborative  
[homelessed@ocde.us](mailto:homelessed@ocde.us) | 714-966-4093  
<https://ocde.us/mv>

California Department of Education  
Homeless Education Team  
[HomelessEd@cde.ca.gov](mailto:HomelessEd@cde.ca.gov) | 866-856-8214  
<https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy>