

What Students and Families Can Do Before They Move

- Notify your school that you are moving and give them your new address
- Request copies of your child's school and medical records
- Tell the school if you would like your child to stay at their current school (School of Origin)

Community Resources

The website or QR code below can link you with OC community resources.

Service is free and available 24/7

- Housing Assistance
- Domestic Violence Support
- Food Pantries
- Medical Care
- Screenings and Vaccines
- Mental Health Assistance

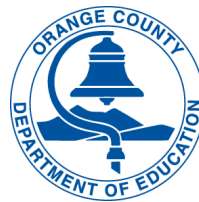
211oc.org
2-1-1 or 888-600-4357

OC Homeless Response System for Families
Family Service Request Form



For More Information and Help
Contact Your

Local McKinney-Vento Liaison



Orange County Department
of Education
**HOPES Collaborative - a list of local
liaisons and other
educational resources**



**California McKinney-Vento
Department of Education**

Homeless Education - Specialized
Programs (CA Dept of Education)

(866) 856-8214



**McKinney-Vento Homeless
Educational Rights and
Services**

**What Students and
Families Need to Know**

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

**YOU HAVE RIGHTS
AND
YOU ARE WELCOME AT SCHOOL**



Your Rights

ALL eligible students, regardless of legal documentation, immigration status, or presence of parent 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*).
- Finish the school year in the school where they start, even once housed.
- Transportation from their current residence to the student's *school of origin*, if requested.
- Unaccompanied youth may enroll in school immediately, and receive credit for schoolwork completed elsewhere.

The Federal McKinney-Vento and California state law removes 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

How to Get Started



- ✓ Gather all the school documents you have.
- ✓ Check with the school's front office or the local school's website about which school is serving your area. You should be asked to fill out a housing questionnaire and to provide more information regarding your nighttime stay.
- ✓ Ask for help if you aren't sure which box to check.
- ✓ You might need assistance with the items listed below and the school may help with:
 - School supplies
 - Technology/Wi-Fi
 - Obtaining school and immunization records
 - Specialized school services
 - Enrolling to receive school meals
 - Participate in before/after school programs, if available
 - Transportation to and from school
 - Referrals to medical, dental and/or mental health support services
 - Referrals to community agencies for assistance with housing
 - Referrals to Preschool or HeadStart Programs
 - Uniforms or clothing necessary to participate in school
- ✓ Should you have additional concerns or needs, ask for your school or district's McKinney-Vento Liaison's contact information.