

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



Is your family temporarily staying in:

- someone else's house or apartment due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason?
- a hotel or motel?
- a shelter?
- a car, park, campground, abandoned building, or inadequate space?

Your school district's homeless liaison may be able to help!

If your family is staying in these living situations, your children have the right to receive extra services and supports in school under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. These include:

- Staying in the same school, even if you move, and receiving free transportation to and from that school if it is in your best educational interest to stay (and the right to dispute decisions made by the district regarding placement)
- Immediate enrollment in school, even if you don't have the documents typically required for enrollment and without a parent or guardian
- Receiving free school meals
- Connecting younger children to early childhood services
- College readiness assistance for high school students
- Referrals to the community for help with other needs

Please reach out to your school district's homeless liaison to see if your child may be eligible

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If you are unable to reach the liaison or have questions, please contact the Wisconsin Homeless Education State Coordinator:

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