

# Serving Homeless Children and Youth

We do everything in our power to provide quality education, opportunities, and services to children and youth facing homelessness. Our district ensures that homeless students and their families know their legal rights to receive those services.

Homeless students have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live now or how long they have lived there.
- Start school immediately, even if they are missing records and documents normally required for enrollment
- Attend the closest school near their current location.
- Choose to attend the school where they started their education before losing their permanent residence.
- Transportation to and from their original school (school of origin), whenever feasible.
- Participate fully in all school activities, while their new school arranges for records transfers.
- Receive the same programs and services as their schoolmates, and be treated with the same respect and attention as their classmates. It is against federal law to separate students based on their living conditions. And it harms the educational process that is our goal to fulfill.

To learn more about federal law specifically protecting the rights of students facing homelessness, and district supports under the law, read about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/>).

## Legislation

<http://www2.ed.gov/policy/elsec/leg/esea02/pg116.html>

“You Can Enroll in School” Poster in English

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/documents/englishposter.pdf>

<http://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/hs/cy/documents/spanishposter.pdf>

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