



# You can ENROLL in school!

**Even if you have:**

- Uncertain housing
- A temporary address
- No permanent physical address

**You are guaranteed enrollment in school by the federal McKinney-Vento Act and California state law if you live:**

- In a house or apartment with more than one family due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- With friends or family because you are a runaway or an unaccompanied youth
- In substandard housing (without electricity, water, or heat)
- In a shelter (family, domestic violence, or youth shelter or transitional living program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the streets

**You can enroll in school immediately even without the documents normally required for enrollment, such as:**

- Proof of residency
- Immunization records or other required health records
- School records
- Legal guardianship papers

**Your child may:**

- Participate fully in all school activities and programs for which he/she is eligible.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin if you request it.
- Continue to attend the school in which he/she was last enrolled even if you have moved away from that school's attendance area.
- Qualify automatically for school nutrition programs.

**Your responsibilities are to:**

- Make sure your child gets to school on time and ready to learn.
- Stay informed of school rules, regulations, and activities.
- Contact the homeless liaison for assistance in removing barriers to your child's education.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences, Back-to-School Nights, and other school-related activities.

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

**Your Cottonwood homeless liaison:**

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**Your county homeless liaison:**

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**Your homeless state coordinator:**

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