

## Who to Contact For Help With Your Child's Education

LAUSD has a **Homeless Education Office** and every school site has a designated homeless education liaison.

### We can:

- Facilitate school enrollment
- Help you decide which school is best for your child
- Help your child get basic school supplies, supplemental services and free school meals
- Set up public transportation to and from the school of origin (if eligible)
- Provide referrals to resources in the community
- Refer to Homeless Education Office special events/districtwide initiatives

### To Foster Your Child's Academic Success:

- Ensure your child attends school daily and on time. Attendance leads to progress.
- Meet and talk with teachers regularly to discuss how your child is doing.
- Attend school meetings.
- Meet with the school counselor to help your child deal with changes and challenges.
- Get your child additional help if needed (e.g., tutoring, counseling).

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## Los Angeles Unified School District STUDENT HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES STUDENT SUPPORT PROGRAMS



## HOMELESS EDUCATION OFFICE



Homeless Education Office  
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213-202-7581

<http://homelesseducation.lausd.net>

## Is My Family Considered Homeless?

### IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS

*By law, school-aged children in one of the following situations may be considered homeless if they are:*

- Living in a shelter
- Living in campgrounds, temporarily trailers, or parks
- Living in an automobile
- Living in an abandoned building or public place
- Staying doubled up with friends or relatives, due to loss of housing from financial hardship
- Living in substandard housing (i.e. no running water, no electricity)
- Living in a transitional housing program

*If you believe you may be eligible and need services:*

Please fill out a Student Residency

- Questionnaire/Student Housing Questionnaire at your school
- Contact your school's homeless liaison or the LAUSD Homeless Education Office at (213) 202 -7581



## Under McKinney-Vento, Eligible Students Have the Right To:

- Receive a free and appropriate public education, and instructional services comparable to those provided to other students
- Enroll in school immediately, even if they lack documents normally required for enrollment
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers required documents
- Enroll in either:
  - The local school of attendance; or
  - Continue attending their school of origin (the school attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), depending on preference & feasibility
- Remain at the school until your family is permanently housed
- Receive public transportation to and from the school of origin, if eligible



## Should a Student Change Schools?

Changing schools can be difficult for students leaving friends, teachers and dealing with new friends, teachers, and classes.

It is usually best for your child to remain in his/her same school (the school of origin), even if you move to a different area.

Here are some questions to think about when making your decision:

- How permanent is your current living situation?
- Is your child attached to his/her school?
- How anxious is your child because you had to move? Would changing schools be overwhelming?
- Would changing schools cause your child to fall behind in school?
- Is this a good time for your child to change schools, such as at the end of a semester or school year, after testing, or after an event that is important to your child?
- How much time would your child have to spend going back and forth to the school?

### If There Is A Dispute About School Selection:

If you and the school disagree about where your child should go to school, the school must notify you in writing why your child should attend a school other than the one you selected and how you can appeal this decision.

Your child can still enroll in, attend, and participate fully in the school you selected until the disagreement is settled.

