

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



Supporting Children and Youth Displaced by Disasters

Has your family experienced a loss of housing due to a natural disaster, such as a hurricane, flood, fire, or other disaster?



Are your children temporarily staying in any of the following situations because of the disaster?

- 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 other inadequate space?

If the answers to the questions above are yes, your children have educational rights under federal law (the McKinney-Vento Act):

- The right to stay in the school where the student was previously attending and receive transportation to and from that school.
- the right to immediately enroll in the local attendance area school if the student is unable to continue in their original school.
- Schools have Title I, Part A funds that can provide support with food, clothing, and other basic needs.
- Children and youth can access free school meals without needing to complete income verification documents.



Please reach out to the homeless liaison to see if your child may be eligible.

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If you are unable to reach the liaison, please contact your McKinney-Vento Homeless Education State Coordinator: schoolhouseconnection.org/homeless-directory

