

# 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 shelter (family, domestic violence, or youth shelter or transitional living program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- In a house or apartment with more than one family because of economic hardship or loss
- In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the street
- In temporary foster care or with an adult who is not your parent or guardian
- In substandard housing (without electricity, water, or heat)
- With friends or family because you are a runaway or an unaccompanied youth



## To enroll in or attend school if you live under any of these conditions, you do NOT need to provide:

- Proof of residency
- Immunization records or tuberculosis skin-test results
- School records
- Legal guardianship papers



## You may:

- Participate fully in all school activities and programs for which you are eligible.
- Continue to attend the school in which you were last enrolled even if you have moved away from that school's attendance zone or district.
- Receive transportation from your current residence back to your school of origin.
- Qualify automatically for child nutrition programs (free and reduced-price lunches and other district food programs).
- Contact the district liaison to resolve any disputes that arise during the enrollment process.



## Parents' responsibilities are to:

- Make sure your child attends school regularly and completes homework and projects on time.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences, Back-to-School Nights, and other school-related activities.
- Stay informed of school rules, regulations, and activities.
- Participate in school advisory/decision-making activities.



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

### Your local school district liaison:

**Chaunise Powell, EdD**  
Director, Student Services  
East Side Union High School District  
830 N Capitol Avenue, San Jose,  
California 95133  
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### Your county liaison for the homeless:

**Joann Vaars, EdD**  
Coordinator of Educational Services,  
Foster & Homeless Youth  
Santa Clara County Office of Education  
1290 Ridder Park Drive MC 221  
San Jose, California 95131  
Phone (408) 453-6982

### Your state coordinator for the homeless:

**Leanne Wheeler**  
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California Department of Education  
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