

**ASK ABOUT THESE SERVICES  
AT THE SCHOOL SITE:**

- Free nutrition program
- Transportation assistance to the school of origin upon parents request
- Special education programs, especially if the child has received services in the past
- Tutoring
- Counseling
- Programs for Limited English Learners
- After-school programs (Cares)
- Preschool program
- School uniform or clothing programs/gym clothing

**PARENT RESPONSIBILITY ARE THE  
FOLLOWING:**

- Enroll your child in school promptly
- Daily class attendance
- Transportation services upon parents request
- Meet with your child's teacher regularly to ensure that your child is receiving appropriate academic support
- Request tutoring/counseling to make up for lost school time
- Notify the school when moving
- Obtain current school records, including immunizations , Special Education documents - IEP, SST, 504 plan, test results if applicable, and other school-related documents
- Contact the Lancaster Bilingual Community Liaison for additional help and outside referrals

**WE ARE HERE TO HELP!**

**The Homeless Education Program  
can provide the following:**

- Assist in school enrollment
- Advocacy to keep your child in his/her school of origin, if possible.
- Transportation assistance
- Resolution of school enrollment disputes
- Help to ensure students in transition receive appropriate educational services
- Backpacks & school supplies
- Assistance with school clothing
- The opportunity for you to be fully involved in your child's academic experience



**WELCOME & WELLNESS CENTER**



**We here to help!  
For assistance contact:**



**McKinney-Vento Homeless Education  
Welcome and Wellness Center**

**44226 10th Street West  
Lancaster, Ca. 93534  
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***Lancaster School District***

***Making a a difference in the lives of  
homeless children and youth in Lancaster***



***The mission of the Lancaster School District is to  
provide a relevant, high quality education within an  
inclusive and culturally respectful environment,  
preparing all students for personal and  
professional success.***

## WHO IS CONSIDERED HOMELESS?

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children as youth between the ages of 2-18 years old, who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and may:

- live in a hotel or motel;
- live in a shelter or transitional housing;
- live in an abandoned building, parked car or other facility not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- share housing with another family due to loss of housing, stemming from financial hardship;
- live in a trailer park or campsite due to the lack of adequate living accommodations;
- are abandoned at a hospital;
- are placed by the state in an emergency shelter;
- are awaiting foster placement;
- are migratory, runaway or abandoned children that qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above

## DO YOU NEED A PERMANENT ADDRESS TO ENROLL OR ATTEND SCHOOL?

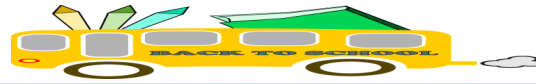
No. A permanent address is not needed in order for your child to attend or enroll in school.



## WHICH SCHOOL CAN A HOMELESS STUDENT ATTEND?

- The school of origin
- The school in the attendance area where the student is temporarily living.

## Transportation



## HOW WILL MY CHILD GET TO SCHOOL?

If you are temporarily living outside of the attendance area of your school of origin, then you have the right to transportation services to and from school of origin.

If you are temporarily living within the attendance area of the school of attendance, then you are entitled to the same transportation services as permanently housed students.

## WHAT ARE MY CHILD'S RIGHTS?

Homeless students have the right to participate in and have access to the same programs and services that are available to other students, if they are eligible.

## IS THERE ANY REASON TO DELAY THE ENROLLMENT OF A HOMELESS CHILD?

No! Lack of school or immunization records CAN-NOT prevent a homeless student from enrolling in the new school. It is the responsibility of the new school to request health and academic records from the previous school in timely manner and to refer parents to free health clinics for any required immunizations.

Homeless students do not need to wait until academic or health records arrive in order to attend the new school.

**The law requires IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT!**

## WHAT IF THE SCHOOL DISPUTES THE ENROLLMENT? DOES MY CHILD HAVE TO STAY OUT OF SCHOOL UNTIL A DECISION IS MADE?

NO! If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment, the student must be **IMMEDIATELY** admitted/readmitted to the school in which enrollment is sought until the dispute is resolved.

## WHAT IF I DO NOT AGREE WITH THE RESOLUTION?

The parent must be given a written explanation of the school's decision on the dispute, including the right to appeal. The appeal would then go to the county level. If not resolved there, then it would be appealed at the state level

## HOW LONG DOES THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS TAKE?

The law requires every school district to have a prompt dispute resolution process. That process, the steps and timeline, must be clearly spelled out and available to parents.



## CAN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH ENROLL IN SCHOOL WITHOUT A PARENT?

Yes! Every school district has a homeless liaison whose duties include assisting in enrollment and placement process of unaccompanied homeless youth, considering the youth's wishes and providing notice to the youth of his/his right to appeal.