

McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act



The McKinney-Vento Act ensures educational rights and protections for children and youth experiencing homelessness, including:

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

Immediate enrollment is guaranteed and have access to all academic and other eligible programs.

What is considered homeless?

According to the McKinney-Vento Act, a student is considered homeless when he or she:

***Lacks a regular (used on a predictable, routine, consistent basis) fixed (stationary, permanent, not subject to change), and adequate night time residence (lawfully and reasonably sufficient). May include any of the following situations:

- Is sharing housing due to economic hardship or loss of housing.
- Is living in a public place not designated for night time residence (cars, parks, abandoned building, bus/train stations).
- Emergency or transitional housing.
- Is staying with friends or family because he/she is a runaway or unaccompanied youth (without parent or guardian).

Every Student Succeeds Act includes:

Protections and services for students experiencing homelessness and ensures enrollment in school. Including access to the same free and appropriate education provided to other children in the District. The District shall provide homeless students with access to education and other services necessary for these students to meet the same challenging performance standards as others.

Homeless Student's Rights:

- Right to immediate enrollment in school without permanent address, immunizations, school records or other documents.
- Rights to continue in the school that the student attended before becoming homeless (school of origin). If it's in the student's best interest.
- Right to receive transportation to and from the school of origin (school student attended before becoming homeless).
- Right to receive support of academic success.

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment, the child/youth must be immediately enrolled in school in which he/she is seeking enrollment, pending resolution of the dispute. Enrollment is defined as "attending classes and participating fully in school activities."

The school must refer the student, parent or guardian to the Local Educational Agency's homeless liaison to carry out the dispute resolution as soon as possible. A written explanation of the school's decision regarding school selection or enrollment decision, including the right to appeal. If the dispute remains unresolved at the district level or is appealed, then the district homeless liaison shall forward all written documentation to the homeless liaison at the County Office of Education. If the dispute remains unresolved or is appealed, the County Office of Education homeless liaison must forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the State Homeless Coordinator.

Colton Joint Unified School District's Commitment

It is the District's goal to be proactive in meeting the needs of its McKinney-Vento Homeless population. Although funds and resources are limited, CJUSD is committed to:

- The immediate enrollment of your child.
- Being sensitive to your situation and needs.
- Assistance in obtaining medical and other records.
- Ensure equal access to all education and activity programs.
- Provide parents and students with information necessary for success in school.
- Provide services as per need and available resources.



Resources:

- **Transitional Assistance Department**

1 877-410-8829

Colton: 1900 W. Valley Blvd., Colton, CA 92324

Fontana: 7977 Sierra Ave., Fontana, CA 92336

www.c4Yourself.com

- **211**

dial by phone or visit their website - 211sb.org

text your zip code to 898211

- **Connect IE**

www.connectIE.org

- **Housing Authority of San Bernardino County**

<https://hacsb.com>

715 E. Brier Dr., San Bernardino, CA 92408

- **Community Action Partnership San Bernardino County**

www.sbcounty.gov/capsbc.org

800 635-4618 Family Development 909 723-1558

696 S. Tippecanoe Ave., San Bernardino, CA 92408

- **San Bernardino County Department of Public Health**

www.sbcounty.gov/dph 800 782-4264

- **San Bernardino County Behavioral Health**

www.sbcounty.gov/dbh 888 743-1478

Your McKinney-Vento Homeless liaisons:

Local district liaison

Karla Viramontes

Student Services Supervisor/
Homeless & Foster Liaison

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Your county liaison:

Brenda Dowdy

Homeless Education Project Manager

909 386-2757

Your state coordinator for the

McKinney-Vento Homeless:

Leanne Wheeler

State Coordinator

866 856-8214

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