

Homeless Children & Youth

*You can enroll
in school!*



If you have:

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

You are guaranteed enrollment in school by California state law if you live:

- In a house or apartment with more than one family due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- With friends or family because you are a runaway or an unaccompanied youth
- In substandard housing (without electricity, water, or heat)
- In a shelter (family, domestic violence or youth shelter or transitional living program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the streets

You can enroll in school immediately even without the documents normally required for enrollment such as:

- Proof of residency
- Immunization records or other required health records
- School records
- Legal guardianship papers

Your responsibilities are to:

- Make sure your child gets to school on time and ready to learn
- Stay informed of school rules, regulations, and activities
- Contact the homeless liaison for assistance in removing barriers to your child's education
- Attend parent/teacher conferences, Back-to-School Nights, and other school-related activities

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

Your Local School District Homeless Liaison:

Will Sarkisian
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Your County Homeless Liaison:

Colleen Whitlock
Director of Student Support Services
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Your State Homeless Coordinator:

Leanne Wheeler
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