

When you move, you should do the following:

Contact the school district's liaison (see the contact information below) for help in enrolling in a new school or arranging to continue in the school you have been attending.

Contact the school and provide any information you think will assist the teachers in helping you adjust to new circumstances.


Ask the local liaison, shelter staff, or a social worker from one of the agencies that is assisting you for help with clothing and supplies, if needed.

If you have questions about enrolling in school or need assistance with enrolling in school, contact:

Your Local School District Liaison:



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Is your residence or housing uncertain?

Do you lack a permanent physical address?

Do you live at a temporary address?

You can still enroll in school!



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The Federal McKinney-Vento Act and Texas State Law guarantee that you can enroll in school if you live:

in a shelter (family shelter, domestic violence shelter, youth shelter, or transitional living program);

in a motel, hotel, or weekly-rate housing;

in a house or an apartment with more than one family because of economic hardship or loss;

in an abandoned building or a car, at a campground, or on the street;

in temporary foster care or with an adult who is not your parent or legal guardian;

in substandard housing (no electricity, no water, and/or no heat); or

with friends or family because you are a runaway or unaccompanied youth.

If you live in one of these situations, you do not need to provide:

proof of residency;

immunization records or a TB skin test result;

birth certificate;

school records; or

legal guardianship papers

to enroll in school.



You may also:

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 Lunch and other district food programs);

participate fully in all school activities and programs for which you are eligible; and

contact the district liaison to resolve any disputes that arise during the enrollment process.

Do you lack a permanent physical address?

Helpful questions you can ask at your school to help you receive all the services you need:

What transportation is available for me to stay in the same school?

If I have to change schools, can someone help me transfer records quickly?

Are any tutoring services available for me?

If I need special education services, how long is the wait for testing?

Are there special classes to benefit a talent I have?

Are there sports, music, or other activities I can be a part of?

How can I receive free meals at school?

Are school supplies available?

Will I be able to go on class field trips if I am unable to pay?

How can I get a required school uniform if I cannot afford one?