Parents & Students:

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

- ARE YOU STAYING IN TEMPORARY HOUSING?
- DO YOU WANT YOUR CHILDREN TO STAY IN THEIR CURRENT SCHOOL?
- ARE YOU HAVING TROUBLE ENROLLING YOUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL OR GETTING THEM TO SCHOOL?

HELP MAY BE AVAILABLE

You and your children have special rights at school if you are:

- Staying temporarily with someone else because you lost your housing
- Staying in a motel, trailer park or campground
- Staying outside or in a place that’s not meant for sleeping
- Staying in poor housing that does not have utilities such as water, electricity or heat
- Staying in a shelter or in a car

Those rights include:

- Staying in the same school, even if you move, and receiving transportation to that school, as long as it’s in the student’s best interest
- Enrolling in school immediately, without the documents schools usually require
- Receiving free school meals
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs
- Extra support for youth who are on their own
- Help connecting young children with early childhood services

Contact your local school district administration and ask to speak to the McKinney-Vento Liaison to find out if you qualify for help.

Contact the McKinney-Vento Missouri State Coordinator at: cheryl.kosmatka@dese.mo.gov if you can’t reach your district liaison or have other questions, or check out resources for other states at: https://bit.ly/3tiSen0

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