

# Unaccompanied Youth: KNOW YOUR RIGHTS



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

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## HELP MAY BE AVAILABLE



### You have special rights at school if you are:

- Staying temporarily with someone else because you had to leave your home
- 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 your best interest**
- Enrolling in school immediately, without the documents schools usually require, and without a parent or guardian
- Receiving free school meals
- Getting help with school supplies and other needs



**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](mailto: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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