You Can Enroll in School

Even if you have:
• Uncertain housing
• A temporary address
• No permanent physical address

You are guaranteed enrollment in school by the federal McKinney-Vento Act and California state law if you live:

• In a shelter (family, domestic violence, or youth shelter or transitional living program)
• In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
• In a house or apartment with more than one family because of economic hardship or loss
• In an abandoned building, in a car, at a campground, or on the street
• In temporary foster care or with an adult who is not your parent or guardian
• In substandard housing (without electricity, water, or heat)
• With friends or family because you are a runaway or an unaccompanied youth

You may:

• Participate fully in all school activities and programs for which you are eligible.
• 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 lunches and other district food programs).
• Contact the district liaison to resolve any disputes that arise during the enrollment process.

Questions:
Contact your local school district homeless liaison:
Anthony Abrams (559) 855-3020
Contact Fresno County homeless liaison:
Pamela Hancock (559) 265-4003

To enroll in or attend school if you live under any of these conditions, you do NOT need to provide:

• Proof of residency
• Immunization records
• Tuberculosis skin-test results
• Other required health records
• School records
• Legal guardianship papers

Parents’ responsibilities are to:

✔ Enroll your child in school
✔ Make sure your child attends school regularly and completes homework and projects on time.
✔ Request transportation if needed
✔ Attend parent-teacher conferences, Back-to-School Nights, and other school-related activities.
✔ Stay informed of school rules, regulations, and activities.
✔ Participate in school advisory/decision-making activities.
✔ Notify the school if moving

Helpful Websites/Additional Resources:
CDE: https://www.cde.ca.gov/
School House Connection: https://schoolhouseconnection.org/

You’re not alone. According to CALPADS data 3, 672 Homeless students were enrolled in Fresno County Schools in 2020-2021.¹

¹2020-21 CALPADS data 15.1 Graduation Cohort Outcome Report
3,672 HOMELESS STUDENTS ENROLLED in Fresno County Schools

- 73% are sharing housing with others (doubled up)
- 16% are living in motels or hotels
- 8% are living in temporary shelters
- 3% are living unsheltered

Number of Students By Grade Level:

- 6 Infant & Toddler
- 310 Pre-K-K
- 886 1st-3rd
- 881 4th-6th
- 490 7th-8th
- 1,099 9th-12th

60.86% GRADUATED High School