

Unaccompanied Youth Rights

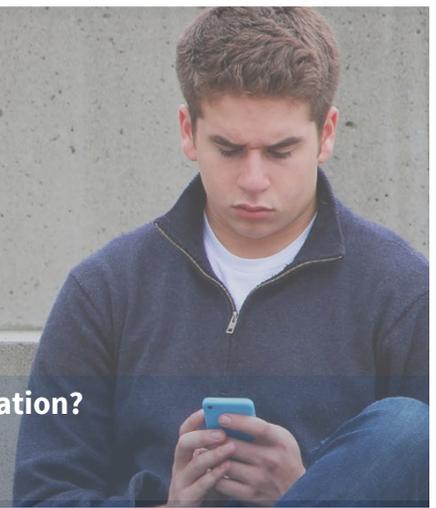
Do you need a safe place to stay tonight?

Are you living away from your parents right now?

Are you staying at a shelter, in a car, park, motel, or train/bus station?

Are you having trouble getting to school?

Have you stayed with a friend because of financial difficulties?



You might meet the definition of an unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness.

The Definition

McKinney Vento Act defines an “**unaccompanied youth**” as a youth experiencing homelessness not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Students of any age can be unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness.

Contact your school liaison listed below to assist and give you information about services, including:

- Free/reduced meals,
- Resource referrals, including food pantries, medical, emergency clothing, and hygiene supplies,
- The FAFSA application, college scholarships, GED info, and fees,
- Fee waivers for selected school activities and graduation, and
- Preschool programs, if you have a young child.

Contact Information

[Name]

[Number]

[E-mail]

Unaccompanied youth have the right to:

- Enroll in school right away and fully participate in all activities, even if usual enrollment records or proof of guardianship are unavailable.
- Stay in your original school (your last school before experiencing homelessness or the school where you were last enrolled) if it's considered best for you.
- Transportation to and from your school of origin at your request with the support of your local liaison.
- Receive the same educational services as other students in the school receive.
- Have barriers removed to access academic and extracurricular activities, including magnet school, summer school, career and technical education, dual enrollment (College Credit Plus), Advanced Placement (AP), online learning, and community school programs (if you meet the relevant eligibility criteria).
- Access academic and extracurricular activities, like magnet school, summer school, career and technical education, dual enrollment (College Credit Plus), Advanced Placement (AP), online learning, and charter school programs, if you meet eligibility criteria.
- Dispute eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision with the assistance of the homeless education liaison. In such cases, you should still be enrolled while the dispute is being resolved.

