



DALLASTOWN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

HOMELESSNESS RIGHTS FORM

Purpose:

A Guide for Parents, Guardians and Caregivers in the event your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing.

Qualification:

If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, campground, or temporary trailer; if you are living on the street; if you are doubled-up with family or friends; or, if you are in another type of temporary or inadequate housing.

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there. They must be given access to the same public education, including preschool education, provided to other children.
- Continue in the school they attended before you became homeless or the school they last attended, if that is your choice and is feasible. If a school sends your child to a school other than the one you request, the school must provide you with a written explanation and offer you the right to appeal the decision.
- Receive transportation to the school they attended before your family became homeless or the school they last attended, if you or a guardian request such transportation.
- Attend a school and participate in school programs with children who are not homeless. Children cannot be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for the transfer of school and immunization records or any other documents required for enrollment.
- Enroll and attend classes in the school of your choice even while the school and you seek to resolve a dispute over enrolling your children.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.
- Receive transportation to school and to school programs.

What if the school and I disagree on where my child should go to school?

If you and the school district disagree, Dallastown Area School District has to tell you in writing why it thinks your child should go to a different school than the one you want. The District also has to tell you in writing how you can appeal this decision. Your child can still enroll in, attend, and participate fully in the school you think is best for him/her while the disagreement is being settled.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the Local Liaison for Homeless Students:

Dallastown Area School District:

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