

# **KIDS WITHOUT A PERMANENT ADDRESS HAVE A RIGHT TO GO TO SCHOOL**

**THE LAW SAYS YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:**

- Immediately enroll your child in school
- Choose your child's old school or the school closest to where you are staying now
- Get your child transportation to and from school
- Get automatic free breakfast and lunch for your child
- Have your child receive the same services as other students
- Have disagreements settled quickly by contacting the district liaison

**IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT GETTING YOUR CHILD IN SCHOOL, CALL:**

- Your local district liaison, Megan Ashton at 508-634-2240 or
- Your state coordinator, Sarah Slutterback at 781-338-6330

# **NIÑOS SIN HOGARES FIJOS TIENEN EL DERECHO DE ASISTIR A LA ESCUELA**

LA LEY FEDERAL DICE QUE TIENE EL DERECHO DE:

- Matricular inmediatamente a su hijo/a en la escuela
- Escoger entre la última escuela que su hijo/a asistió o la escuela más cercana a donde reside actualmente
- Obtener tranportación para su hijo/a hacia y desde la escuela
- Recibir desayunos y almuerzos gratis automáticamente
- Exigir que su hijo/a reciba los mismos servicios que otros estudiantes
- Resolver disputas rápidamente con la ayuda del oficial educativo en su distrito escolar

SI TIENE PREGUNTAS O SI REQUIERE AYUDA PARA MATRICULAR A SU HIJO/A, LLAME A:

- Su Oficial Educativo Local, Megan Ashton at 508-634-2240 or
- Coordinador del Estado para Estudiantes Sin Hogares Fijos, Sarah Slutterback at 781-338-6330

# INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:



In a shelter



In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation



In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station



Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.



## YOUR ELIGIBLE CHILDREN HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

- Receive a free, appropriate public education.
- Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.
- Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference and is feasible.

*\* If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.*

- At your request receive transportation up to one hour to and from the school of origin.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.



If you believe your children including preschool-age children may be eligible, contact the local homeless liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.

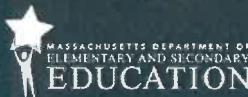
If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs, contact the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education:



(781) 338-3700



[compliance@doe.mass.edu](mailto:compliance@doe.mass.edu)



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Local Liaison Megan Ashton Director of Pupil Personnel Services
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State Coordinator Sarah Slautterback MA DESE
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If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs,  
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:  
1-800-308-2145 \* [homeless@serve.org](mailto:homeless@serve.org) \* <http://nche.ed.gov>