

FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE SCHOOLHOUSE LINK Program, through the McKinney-Vento Act, helps students in residential transition enroll, attend and succeed in school. This includes: free lunch, school supplies, uniforms, transportation and connection to community programs.

SCC-SCHOOLHOUSE LINK

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If you need further assistance with your educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education: 1-800-308-2145
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SCHOOLHOUSE
LINK



sccfl.org/schoolhouselink



IS MY FAMILY IN TRANSITION?

ACCORDING TO THE FEDERAL MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT, A FAMILY IS CONSIDERED IN TRANSITION (OR HOMELESS) IF THEY LACK A "FIXED, REGULAR AND ADEQUATE" NIGHTTIME RESIDENCE.

IF YOU OR 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, bus, or train station
- > Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- > Migratory children living in these conditions
- > Unaccompanied youth not in the physical custody of a parent/guardian in any of the above situations

YOUR RIGHTS

Every child has a right to a free and appropriate public education. Florida Statute s.1003.21 requires that all children attend school regularly until they are 16. Children in transition who fit the McKinney-Vento definition have the right to:

- Enroll and attend school no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Have access to the same public education provided to stable housed children.
- Enroll in school without a permanent address. Enrollment cannot be delayed due to lack of residency.
- Enroll and attend classes while the school arranges for transfer of records required for enrollment.
- Continue in the school they attended before becoming homeless or the last school attended, if possible and if in their best interest.
- Request assistance with transportation to school. Receive the same special programs and services as provided to all other children in these programs.
- Have any enrollment disputes heard and resolved while the student continues to attend classes.

OUR SERVICES

- Free school supplies and backpacks
- Free breakfast & lunch for remainder of school year
- Free school uniforms and emergency clothing
- Enrollment assistance
- Transportation assistance
- Tutoring at select shelter sites
- Childcare information and referrals
- Case management
- Dispute resolution assistance
- Scholarship information and FAFSA assistance
- Referrals to community health, shelter and social service providers