

Jurupa Unified School District

2024-2025 NOTICE REGARDING HOMELESS EDUCATION

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act for Homeless Children and Youth entitles all homeless school-aged children to the same free and appropriate public education that is provided to non-homeless students. Every school district must appoint a liaison to assist these students.

A homeless student is defined as a person between the ages of birth (Early Head Start and Head Start Programs) and twenty-two (special education students) who lacks a *fixed, regular, and adequate* nighttime residence and may temporarily:

- Live in an emergency or transitional shelter; abandoned building, parked car, or other facility not designed as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings.
- Live “doubled-up” with another family, due to loss of housing stemming from financial problems (e.g., loss of job, eviction, or natural disaster), Live in a hotel or motel.
- Live in a trailer park or campsite with their family.
- Have been abandoned at a hospital.
- Be awaiting foster placement in limited circumstances.
- Reside in a home for school-aged, unwed mothers or mothers-to-be if there are no other available living accommodations; or
- Be abandoned, runaway, or pushed out youth or migrant youth that qualifies as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

A homeless student has the right to:

- Immediate enrollment in his/her school of origin or school where they are currently residing without proof of residency, immunization records or tuberculosis skin-test results, school records or legal guardianship papers.
- Education and other services (e.g. participate fully in all school activities and programs for which the child is eligible, automatically qualify for nutrition program, to receive transportation services to the school of origin if feasible, and to contact the liaison to resolve disputes that arise during enrollment.)
- For the district to accept partial credits for courses that have been satisfactorily completed by the homeless student.
- Be notified of the possibility of graduating within four years with reduced state requirements, if the homeless student transferred after the second year of high school, is credit deficient, and will not be able to graduate on time with local district requirements.
- Attend either the *school of origin* (school that the student was last enrolled or attended when last housed or any school attended in the past fifteen (15) months) or the current school of residence.

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment, the parent/guardian has the right to dispute the school's decision by contacting the district's homeless liaison, named below, and following the district's dispute resolution policy:



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