



MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Elementary
and Secondary Education

If you are currently experiencing hardship, your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

REGISTER FOR SCHOOL

All school-aged children in Massachusetts can attend public school for free. Students experiencing housing instability or homelessness can:

- 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 their family's preference and is feasible. At their family's request, they can receive transportation for up to one hour to and from the school of origin.
- Or, enroll in the local school immediately and attend classes - even if the student lacks the typically required documents - while the school gathers needed documents. Transportation would be provided in the same manner as it is for other children in the district.
- Receive educational services according to your child's needs.
- Appeal district enrollment decisions.
- Access special education services if the student has a current Individualized Education Program (IEP).
- Participate in any school activity that is available to other students.
- Receive free school meals.

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