

# YOU HAVE A PLACE IN SCHOOL – NO MATTER WHAT



## If you or a friend are living in between homes or on your own, school can support you to stay on track.

No matter what your housing situation looks like, you will always have a place in school. A law called the **McKinney-Vento Act** guarantees certain rights and protections for students experiencing homelessness and housing instability, including:

- The chance to enroll and attend class in the school of your choice.
- Free school meals and transportation.
- Other special programs and services that are provided to all other students, if needed.

Every school district in Connecticut has a **McKinney-Vento representative** you can speak with if you're going through a difficult time with housing. They can help you access resources for important everyday needs, such as:

- Transportation
- Food
- Clothing
- School supplies
- Counseling/social services – and more!

Your McKinney-Vento representative can also connect you to Student Advocates who can offer support.

The **McKinney-Vento Act** covers many different unstable housing situations. You or a friend are protected by this law if you are:

- Staying with friends or family, or “couch surfing”
- Staying with multiple families in one space
- Living in a car or in tent



Reach out for confidential help and support at [ct.gov/NoMatterWhat](https://ct.gov/NoMatterWhat)