

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH

IF YOU LIVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION
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- In a shelter
- In a motel or campground due to the lack of an adequate alternative 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



You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.



Eligible students 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 their preference and is feasible.
 - If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the District must provide the student with written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the Local District McKinney-Vento Program Liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.

Local Contacts:
Project UP-START,
Miami-Dade County Public Schools

Central: 305 995-7558
South: 305 242-8426
North: 305 572-2800

Fax: 305 579-0370
Email:

projectupstart@dadeschools.net

**The School Board of Miami-Dade County
Bylaws & Policies**

Visit

<http://projectupstart.dadeschools.net>
for more information about the program
and to access Board Policy 5111.01.

**State Homeless
Education Program**

Florida Department of
Education
Bureau of Federal
Educational Programs
Tallahassee, Florida 32399

Email: bfep@fldoe.org
Phone Number: 850 245-0479

If you need further assistance with your education needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:

1-800-308-2145 homeless@serve.org www.serve.org/nche