Resources

National Center for Homeless Education
General number: 1-305-306-8495
e-mail: NCHE.helpline@safalpartners.org
Hours: 9:00 AM – 5:30 PM Eastern Time, Monday through Friday

Massachusetts Coalition for the Homeless
73 Buffum Street, Lynn, MA 01902
Office: 781-595-7570
Fax: 781-595-7574
Email: info@mahomeless.org
Website: http://www.mahomeless.org

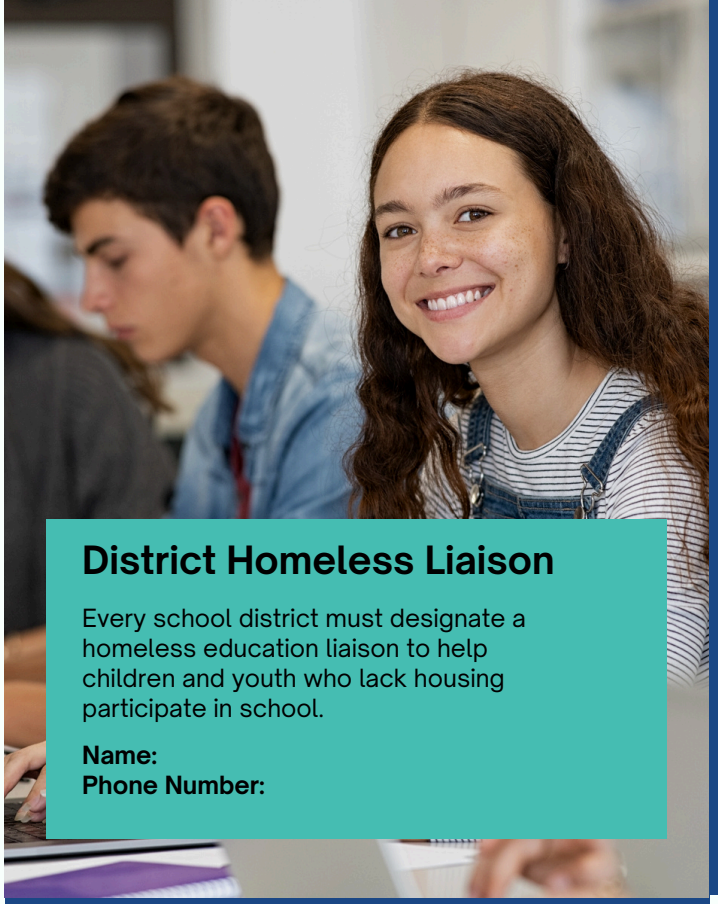
Project Bread
Food Source Hotline
Mon-Fri 8AM-7PM, Sat 10AM-2PM
1-800-645-8333, TTY 1-800-377-1292
projectbread.org/get-help/foodsource-hotline

SNAP Assistance
gettingfoodstamps.org

Domestic Violence Programs
SafeLink: 1-877-785-2020 (toll-free)
SafeLink TTY: 1-877-521-2601
National Domestic Violence Hotline:
1-800-799-SAFE (7233)

National Sexual Assault Hotline
1-800-656-HOPE (4673)

Runaway or Homeless Youth
For information, referrals, and crisis intervention, contact the National Runaway Safeline at
1-800-RUNAWAY (800-786-2929)



District Homeless Liaison

Every school district must designate a homeless education liaison to help children and youth who lack housing participate in school.

Name:
Phone Number:

Contact Us

781-338-3700

DESECompliance@mass.gov

Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
135 Santilli Highway,
Everett, MA 02149

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McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act

Education of Homeless Children and Youth Program

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The McKinney-Vento Act covers children and youth who don't have a fixed, adequate and regular nighttime residence, including living...

- in a shelter
- in a motel, hotel, or campground;
- In a car, bus, or train station, an abandoned building, or some other inadequate accommodations; or
- with other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason (also known as doubled up).

This includes migrant and unaccompanied youth living in any of the above situations.

Unaccompanied Youth

Youths who are out of the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian and lack of fixed, regular, and adequate housing have all the rights of other homeless students.

Homeless Preschoolers

Preschool children living in homeless situations have the same rights as other homeless children and youth.

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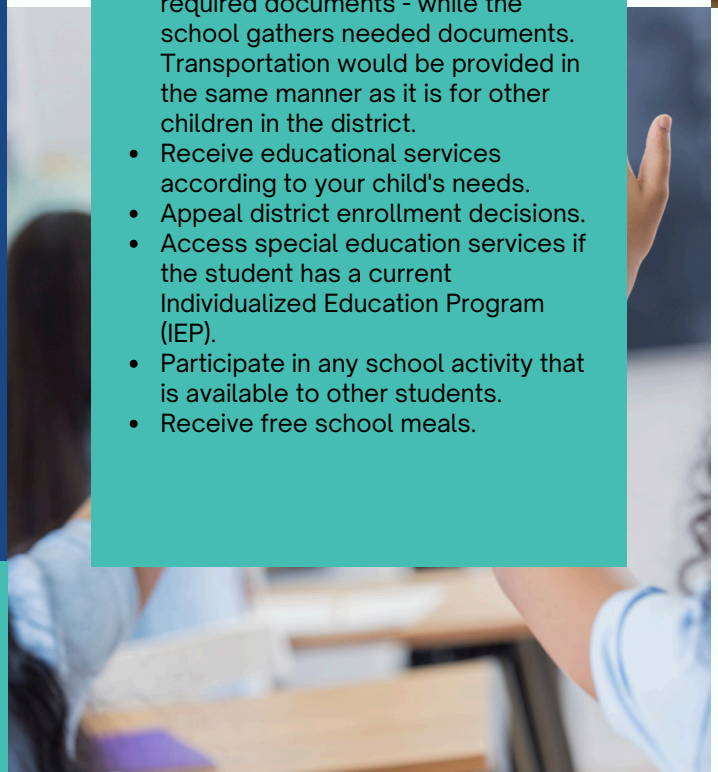
All school-aged children in Massachusetts can attend public school for free.

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 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.



Services

Homeless students are to be provided services and education programs comparable to those received by other students and for which they meet eligibility criteria, such as:

- Title 1 services and programming;
- programs for students with disabilities;
- programs for students learning English;
- vocational or technical programs;
- gifted and talented programs, and
- school nutrition programs.

Ensuring the enrollment, attendance, and the opportunity to succeed in school for homeless children and youth.

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