

West Oak Lane Charter School Homeless Initiative



IF YOU LIVE IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

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

- **In a shelter**
- **In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate 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**

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 a 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 need further assistance with your educational needs,
contact the National Center for Homeless Education:**

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

***If you believe you may be eligible, contact the school office to find out
what services and supports may be available.***