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.