Students may be eligible for support if:

- Living in a shelter or transitional housing program.
- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations.
- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason.
- Living in inadequate living conditions (unsafe housing, lack of heat or running water).
- Unaccompanied youth experiencing any of the above situations.

Under the McKinney-Vento (MV) Homeless Assistance Act, the term “homeless children and youth” means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.

Supporting the Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

We ensure that all students are provided with seamless educational services regardless of their current housing circumstance.

If your children are experiencing homelessness, please contact us. We will connect you with your district’s McKinney-Vento Liaison for support and assistance.

McKinney-Vento@oakland.k12.mi.us

888-795-5437

oakland.k12.mi.us/student-programs/community/homelessness

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We are dedicated to supporting students experiencing homelessness, as defined by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, in all public school districts and public school academies throughout Oakland County.

Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA)

If you are a family in need of services to support housing stability, including eviction prevention, your local Housing Assessment and Resource Agency (HARA) provides support to the community.

Community Housing Network

For assistance in Oakland County:

- communityhousingnetwork.org/get-help
- HRC@chninc.net
- Call (or text "housing") 248-269-1335

Shelter Oakland

For emergency shelter:

- shelteroakland.com
- 800-848-5533

Lighthouse

Lighthouse Sanctuary

For runaway and homeless youth assistance:

- lighthousemi.org/service/rhy/#sanctuary
- 248-547-2260

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 documentation.
- Enroll in the local school; or continue attending the school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or in which they were last enrolled), according to each student's best interest.
  - If the school district believes that the school selected is not in the student's best interest, the district must provide the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of its position and inform the parent, guardian, or youth of the 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 each student's needs.

Additional Resources

Michigan 211 connects residents with help from health and human services agencies and resources in their communities; supported by United Way.

- mi211.org
- Call 211, available 24/7
- Text your zip code to 898211
- 1-800-552-1183 (United Way Helpline)

Families can apply for MI Bridges benefits and search for resources.

- newmibridges.michigan.gov

Help Me Grow provides connections to early childhood resources, developmental screenings, answers to questions, programming, and parent support.

- greatstartoakland.org
- HelpMeGrow@oakland.k12.mi.us
- 844-456-5437

FoodFinder's website and app act as food pantry locators that show you when and where to get free food assistance in your area.

- foodfinder.us