

First please know that each situation is different for a family experiencing homelessness and therefore has to be reviewed.

- The family should enroll the student in the district/or local open charter school.
 - By the McKinney- Vento Act the student can attend the school where they were when they lost housing (this is referred to as the school of origin/SOO)
 - or they can attend their current zoned school. Texas has an additional school of choice provision (with some stipulations/limitations).
- When registering inform the registrar that the student is experiencing homelessness.
 - The school will most likely have a form for the family to fill out. This form is usually referred to as a student residency questionnaire (SRQ) and used to determine the living situation of the family.
 - There is a designated McKinney-Vento (Homeless) Liaison for each school district, that may contact the family for additional information/clarification.
 - When registering if the student is homeless they can register even if they don't have all of the usual necessary paperwork for enrolling in school.
- There is a 30 day provisional enrollment for students experiencing homelessness to get all of their paperwork to complete registration.
- Please know that **the school district or local education agency can't require the family to leave and return to register the student the next day, even if the student/family doesn't have paperwork.**
- The school should go ahead and register the student if the student is experiencing homelessness.
- Transportation should be provided if the student wants to continue to attend their SOO, even if they are no longer living in the school zone. Schools may have different resources they can utilize to assist the student.