

PALMYRA

SCHOOL DISTRICT

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The federal **McKinney-Vento Act** ensures educational stability for students who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate overnight residence.

Do You Qualify?

You or your children may qualify for protections if you are living in any of the following situations due to economic hardship or loss of housing:

- A shelter, motel, vehicle, park, campsite, or abandoned building.
- Sharing housing with other people (doubled-up).
- Living with someone who is not your legal parent or guardian.
- Runaway youth, or youth kicked out/abandoned by parents.

Your Educational Rights & Protections

If eligible, students from preschool through age 21 have the right to:

- Remain in the school attended when permanently housed or last enrolled or transfer to the local school where they are currently staying. If the district disagrees with your choice, they must provide a written explanation.
- Enroll and attend classes immediately, even without normally required documents like immunization forms, birth certificates, guardianship papers, or proof of residency.
- Receive free round-trip transportation to their home school upon request. If permanent housing is found during the school year, transportation continues until the end of that year.
- Automatic access to free school meals without filling out financial forms, plus Title I services (tutoring, counseling, and emergency school supplies).

Local Support & Next Steps

Palmyra School District's Homelessness Liaison can assist with enrollment, transportation, and finding resources: **Robyn Ivanisik- rivanisik@psdnj.us (856) 786-9300 ext. 3178.**

Please visit the [NJ Family Resources](https://www.gcsssd.org/apps/pages/index.jsp?uREC_ID=522974&type=d) webpage for more resources:
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In order for the Palmyra School District to assist you, Please complete the attached document, and return it the following ways:

Mail or in-person: Robyn Ivanisik, 311 W. Fifth St. Palmyra, NJ 08065
Email: rivanisik@psdnj.us