

# No Matter What



Housing problems can be a barrier for students to get the education they need. But there is always a place for them in CT schools—**no matter what.**

## **A child or teen is protected by the McKinney-Vento Act if they are:**

- Staying with friends or family
- Staying with multiple families in one space
- Couch surfing
- Living in a car or in tents



## **Protections for children and teens experiencing homelessness or unstable housing situations (including teens who are living on their own) include:**

- The chance to enroll and attend class in the school of their choice.
- A decision on where a student should go to school based on their best interests.
- Free school meals and transportation.
- Other special programs and services that are provided to all other students, if needed.



To learn more about how your school can help and get confidential support, please visit [ct.gov/NoMatterWhat](https://ct.gov/NoMatterWhat)

