

## The Site Community Liaison will give you information about services, including:

- Free breakfast & lunch
- Uniforms and school supplies
- Emergency basic need items
- English Language Learner services
- Special Education services
- Migrant Education services
- Before and after school programs
- Testing fee waivers/financial aid
- Community resources
- District parenting/family programs

## What if I have a problem with my rights and services?

You have the right to discuss problems about services you receive with the District Liaison. The school must continue to provide the services until the problem has been resolved. The District Liaison must also explain the dispute resolution process. You should also receive information about low-cost or free legal aid, and other programs in the community to help you.

# SITE COMMUNITY LIAISON

### MIDDLE SCHOOLS

El Sausal (831) 796-7200 Ext. 8007

Harden (831) 796-7300 Ext. 8221

La Paz (831) 796-7900 Ext. 8446

Washington (831) 796-7100 Ext. 8607

### HIGH SCHOOLS

Alisal (831) 796-7600 Ext. 2040

Everett Alvarez (831) 796-7800 Ext. 2330

North Salinas (831) 796-7500 Ext. 2629

Rancho San Juan (831) 273-7700 Ext. 3421

Salinas (831) 796-7400 Ext. 2930

### ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

El Puente (831) 796-7770 Ext. 1395

Car Lake/Mount Toro High School  
(831) 796-7700 Ext. 1307

### SUHSD Homeless Liaison

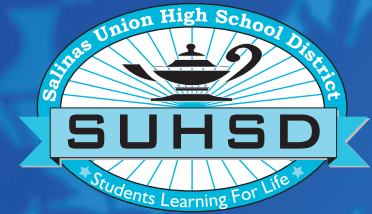
(831) 796-7867 Ext. 2353

### Monterey County Office of Education Homeless Liaison

(831) 755-1405

### California Department of Education Homeless Education State Coordinator

(866) 856-8214



Salinas Union High School District



# YOUTH IN TRANSITION

## Definition of McKinney-Vento

The McKinney-Vento Act defines the term “homeless children and youths” as individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including:

**A.**

children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;

**B.**

children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;

**C.**

children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

## Educational Rights

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, homeless children and youth 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 the school of origin (*the school they attended when permanently housed or the school 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.

## Parent Engagement

Children can be encouraged by your interest in their day at school, their homework, and the papers they bring from school. They also benefit when you take time to ask questions about school or visit their school.

### Here are some questions for you to ask at your child’s school:

- Who is the site liaison for homeless education?
- What transportation is available for my child to stay in the school of origin?
- If we have to change schools, can someone help us transfer records quickly?
- What tutoring services are available for my child?
- How can my child receive free meals at school?
- Where are resources available?
- Can my child be part of sports, music, or other activities?

### Free Breakfast and Lunch Program

Public school children benefit from the federal school nutrition programs that provide nutritious meals. Free breakfast and lunches are available to homeless students.