

STILL HAVE QUESTIONS?

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EDUCATION GUIDE



For Students Living in Shelter

This brochure describes options and services available to your child. Students living in shelter have rights under the McKinney-Vento Act.

DID YOU KNOW?

Your child has options for school. Your child has the right to stay in their current school or choose to enroll in a local zoned school.

- Before making a decision, consider that students who stay in their same school do better academically. Having the same friends and teachers can help your child thrive.
- If you are interested in transferring your child to another school:
 - K–8: Connect with the zoned school near your shelter
To find your zoned school, call 311 or visit schools.nyc.gov and click Find a School.
 - 7–12: Visit a Family Welcome Center
To find a Family Welcome Center, call 311 or visit schools.nyc.gov and search for Family Welcome Center.

Free transportation is available. Students in shelters are eligible for free MetroCards, and students in grades K–6 can get busing.

- Call (718) 392-8855 or check online at optnyc.org to get bus route information. You will need your child’s student ID number and date of birth. If your family entered a shelter after **August 6**, busing may not be set up for the first day of school.
- If your child has busing on his or her Individualized Education Program (IEP), call your child’s school immediately to update your address. Call by **August 31** for busing for the first day of school.
- The family assistant at your shelter can provide you and your child with free MetroCards to get to school. Visit your borough content expert if there is no family assistant at your shelter.

Schools can provide supplies, clothing, and more.

- All schools get Title I funds, which can be used to provide your child with school supplies, school clothing, uniforms, and other services.
- Most shelters hand out free backpacks and supplies in August.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

Is your child age 0–4?

- NYC has hundreds of educational programs. These include Early Learn programs for children ages 0–4, and free, high-quality pre-k for three- and four-year-olds.
- Review your options at nyc.gov/prek, or call (212) 637-8000 or 311 to learn more.

Does your child learn best in a language other than English?

- Your child may be eligible for one of the DOE’s English Language Learners programs. Learn more by visiting schools.nyc.gov and searching for English Language Learner.

Do you think your child may need special education services?

- Students with disabilities are entitled to services, accommodations, and specially designed instruction.
- Talk to your child’s teacher about available classroom supports. If you feel your child may require special education services, speak to school staff about requesting an evaluation.
- For more information, call the Special Education hotline at (718) 935-2007 or go to schools.nyc.gov and search for special education.
- If your child is in a charter school, private school, or preschool, contact the Committee on Special Education (CSE) office in your school district.

QUESTIONS ABOUT EDUCATION?

AT PATH: Talk to
DOE staff on the lower level
M-F, 8 a.m.–6 p.m.

AT SHELTER:
Talk to the DOE
family assistant

ON THE PHONE:
Call the content expert
in your borough

AT SCHOOL:
Speak to your child’s teacher
or parent coordinator