

# NATURAL DISASTER AWARENESS



## KNOW YOUR RIGHTS!

Many students who have been displaced from their homes due to natural disaster have important school rights under the McKinney-Vento Act.

### CHOICE OF SCHOOLS



(1) You can continue to attend your original school, even if you're temporarily living someplace else,

OR

(2) You can immediately enroll in a new school near your temporary housing, even if you do not have the documents normally needed.

### DID YOU KNOW?

Students who stay in the same school often do better than students who transfer. Staying with the same teachers, friends, counselors, and after school programs can help students do better in school.

### TRANSPORTATION



You can get free transportation to and from school – even if the original school is far away, or in a different neighborhood than your temporary housing.

### FREE MEALS & OTHER SERVICES



You can get services such as free school meals, help with school work, counseling, and supplies (ask your school about Title I set-aside funding for students in temporary housing).

Students who were receiving special education services should continue to receive the same services at their original or new school.

**FOR HELP**, contact the New York State Technical & Education Assistance Center for Homeless Students (NYS-TEACHS)

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