If your family is experiencing homelessness, your children have the right to:

- receive a free, appropriate public education.
- continue learning at their school of origin.
- transfer to a school closer to where they are staying, as long as it is feasible, and the parent or guardian feels it is in the best interest of the child.
- receive transportation to school (yellow bus or RTA Transit Card) if they live:
  - more than one mile from a K–6 elementary school.
  - more than one mile from a grade 7-12 school (RTA Transit Card).
  NOTE: Transportation will be provided to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- enroll and attend classes even if they do not have:
  - a birth certificate.
  - immunization records.
- receive and participate in the same special services and programs as provided to all other children in the District.

What parents can do to improve the academic success of their children:

- Make sure your child attends school each day.
- Read with your child for at least 20 minutes each day.
- Make education a family priority.
- Help your child develop good study and work habits.
- Meet with your child’s teacher and other school personnel.
- Show and tell your child that you love him/her.
- If you move, notify the school office and Project ACT of your departure date and initiate records transfer.
- It is important for your child to say goodbye to friends and teachers.

The McKinney-Vento Act and Title I Part A, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015, ensures educational rights and protections for your children experiencing homelessness.