

Are you a student living on your own?

If you are living on your own or without a parent or legal guardian:

- You can stay in school
- You can do it on your own
- Let us help! Call Vermont Legal Aid at **1-800-889-2047**



Free Transportation

Homeless students have rights!

- You can have the school pay for transportation so you can attend your “school of origin”
- The school must give you transportation options that are similar to what is received by other students in the district

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www.vtlawhelp.org

HOUSING TROUBLES CAUSING PROBLEMS WITH SCHOOL?



VERMONT STUDENTS AND FAMILIES HAVE RIGHTS!



Because of money troubles or a loss of housing, do you...

- Move a lot?
- Live in a motel or shelter?
- Live with friends or relatives?
- Live in a vehicle or campground?
- Live without a parent or guardian?

If you said yes to any of these, you or your family may have special rights at school!



The Student's Best Interest is what Matters.

Students in



HAVE RIGHTS!

Homeless children and youth have the legal right to:

- Attend and enroll in classes immediately (without records)
- Stay in their school of origin (if it's in their best interest)
- Attend their new district's school
- Have transportation paid for by school
- Participate in all school-related activities, programs, and sports
- Automatically qualify for free meals at school

School Won't Allow Me or My Child to Enroll

- Federal law says schools must enroll homeless students
IMMEDIATELY!
- If the school refuses to enroll you or your child...
 - ⇒ Demand enrollment now!
 - ⇒ Meet with the school's "homeless liaison"
 - ⇒ Request a letter saying why the school refuses
 - ⇒ If you disagree, say you want to appeal

I Need Help!

- To find out your homeless liaison's contact info, call **1-800-308-2145** or email homeless@serve.org
- For help with an enrollment dispute, call Vermont Legal Aid at **1-800-889-2047**