



#STHAchieve



# Students in Temporary Housing

NYC Department of Education  
Office of Community Schools

Under [McKinney-Vento Act](#), students are considered to be in temporary housing if their nighttime residence is not fixed, regular and adequate.

# How the DOE Tracks Homelessness

Students in Temporary Housing (STH) fall into three categories

Housing Type	Approximate % of students	How does the DOE track these families?
Doubled up due to economic hardship	~65% of all STH	Collected by schools using the <a href="#">NYC DOE Housing Questionnaire</a>
Living in shelter	~33% of all students	Reported by agency partners
Other temporary housing	~1-2% of all students	Collected by schools using the <a href="#">NYC DOE Housing Questionnaire</a>

# Legal Rights of Students in Temporary Housing

Under [the McKinney-Vento Act](#), and [Chancellor's Regulation A-780](#), a student in temporary housing has the right to:

- **A free public education**
- Not be denied **immediate school enrollment** because of their temporary housing status or they lack enrollment documentation
- To stay in their current school or choose to attend a zoned school
- **Transportation services** to and from school
- **Continued special education services** regardless of school transfer
- Receive **all services and supports comparable to those offered to other students**
- **Individualized college counseling** if they are an unaccompanied youth

# Scope of Homelessness by Borough

Borough	All NYC	STH	%STH	Foster Care*
<b>Bronx</b>	194,821	28,524	14.6%	1,876
<b>Manhattan</b>	146,338	14,207	9.7%	1,747
<b>Brooklyn</b>	289,091	22,864	7.9%	1,372
<b>Queens</b>	294,580	19,370	6.6%	449
<b>Staten Island</b>	67,338	2,205	3.3%	2,163
<b>Citywide</b>	<b>992,168</b>	<b>87,171</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>7,607</b>

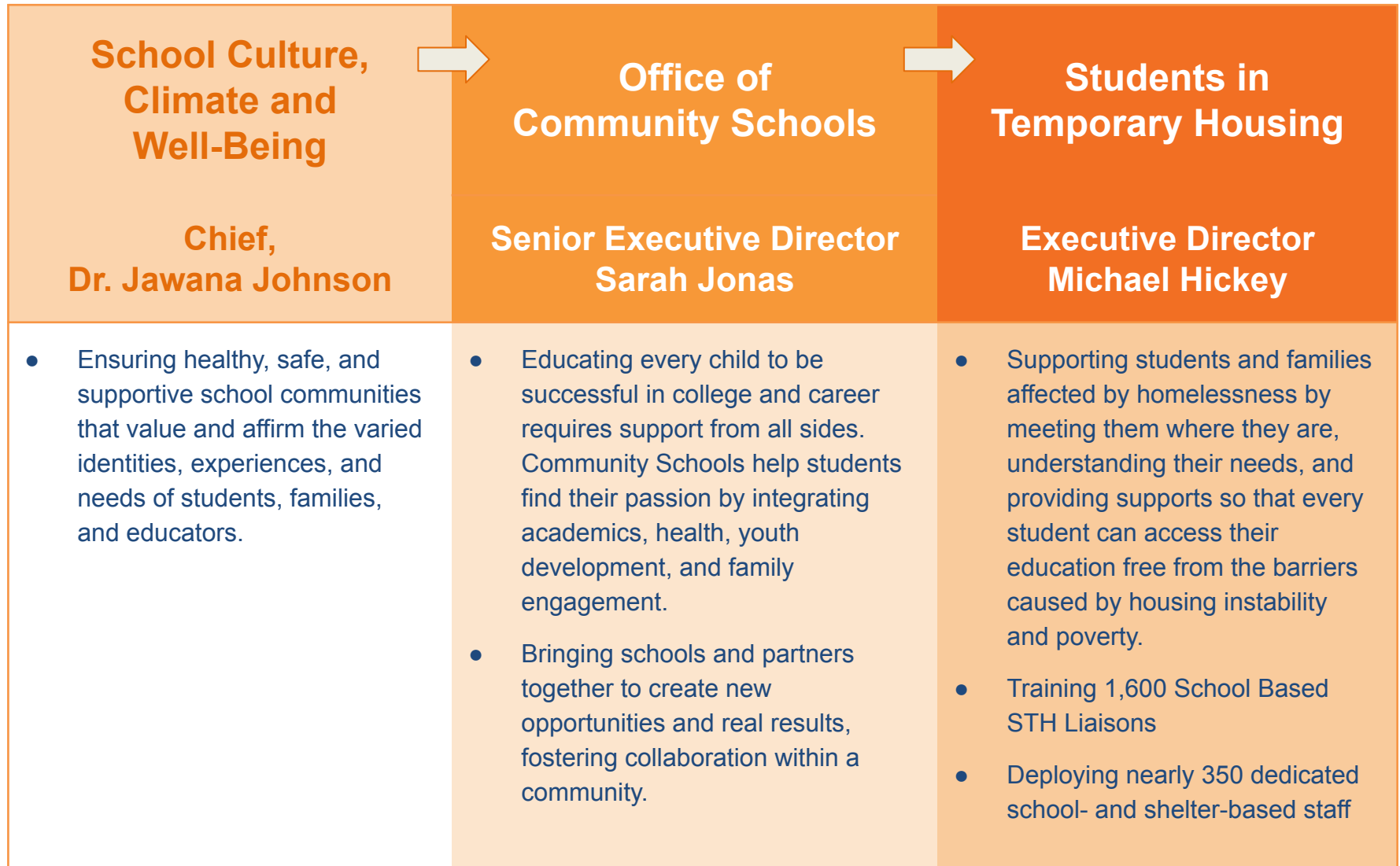
\*Students in foster care are not considered in temporary housing but face similar challenges and are supported by the STH team.

Data from SY20-21

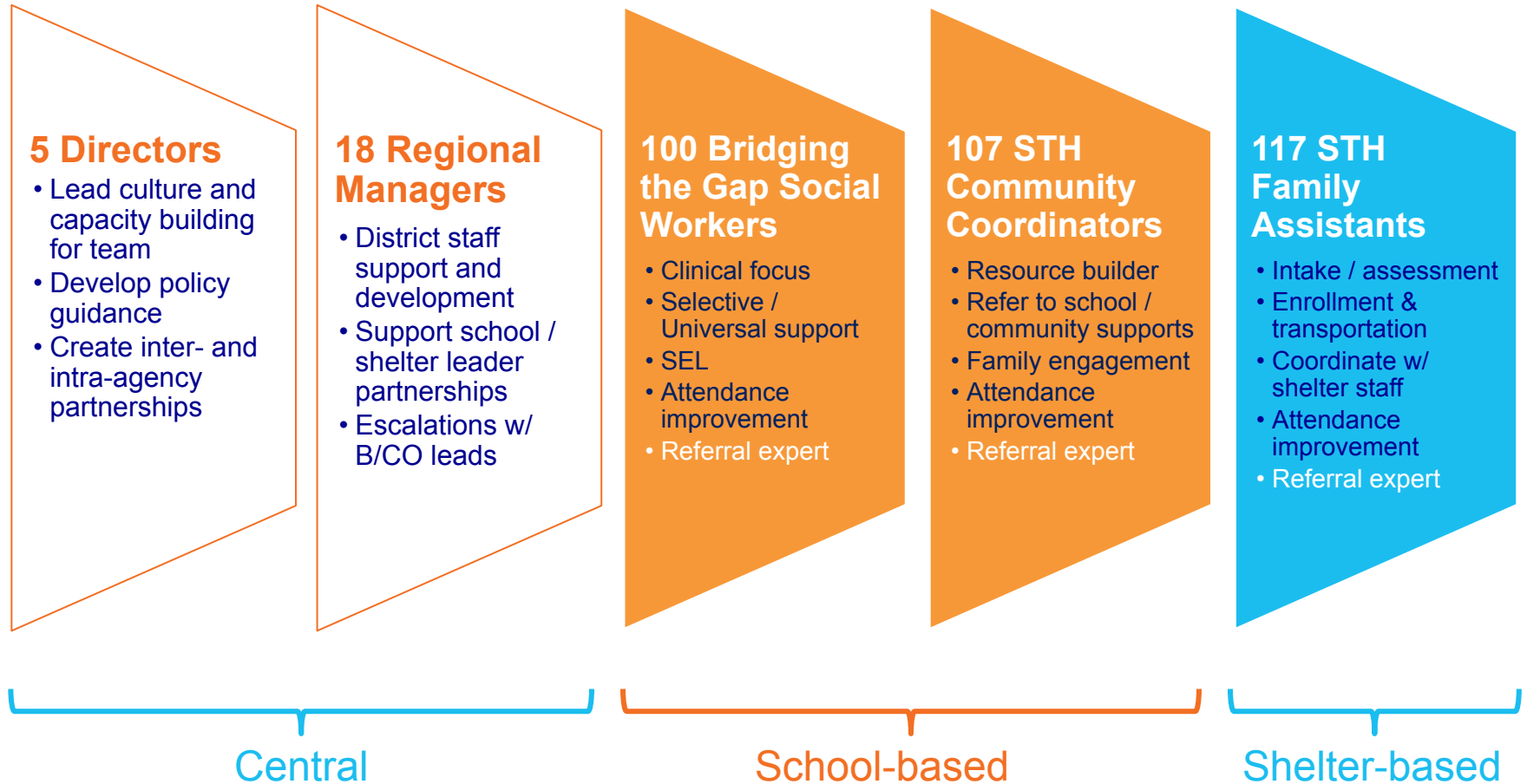
# Chronic Absence is a Key Indicator

School Year	Shelter Only Attendance Rates	Shelter Only Chronic Absence Rates	All STH Attendance Rates	All STH Chronic Absence Rates	Permanently Housed Attendance Rates	Permanently Housed Chronic Absence Rates
<b>SY 18-19</b>	82.4%	64.1%	87.6%	44.5%	91.9%	25.4%
<b>SY 20-21</b>	76.7%	64.0%	83.9%	46.6%	89.7%	28.9%
<i>% Change</i>	-5.7%	-0.1%	-3.7%	2.0%	-2.3%	3.5%

# Whole Child, Whole Community Support



# Dedicated Staff Support Schools, Shelters





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## All 1,600 schools in NYC have a school-based STH Liaison (STH SBL)

- The STH SBL is appointed by the principal to make sure students in temporary housing at their school are getting the support they need, including:
  - Identifying all students in the school that are affected by homelessness
  - Helping to plan how Title I STH Funds can be used most effectively
  - Resolving transportation needs for students who travel long distances
  - Supporting students and families with school selection and enrollment
  - Making referrals to other city agency and community supports

[School-based STH Liaison Infohub Webpage](#)

# Addressing Needs Across Our System

Key roles	Main Activities	Intended results
Support <b>students</b> in accessing school and community resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Identify every student affected by homelessness or living in foster care</li> <li>Advocate for prioritized needs based on data</li> <li>Connect students w/ school, community services</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students feel safe, supported</li> <li>Students are prioritized based on need</li> </ul>
Help <b>families</b> navigate housing instability and education access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support every family in shelter</li> <li>Support enrollment</li> <li>Connect to DOE supports (iPads, transportation, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure families have equitable access to education</li> </ul>
Partner with <b>schools</b> to strengthen student and family engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage non-responsive students affected by homelessness or living in foster care</li> <li>Link to school and community resources</li> <li>Provide training and information to school staff</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Connect school and shelter staff to deliver coordinated support for students and families</li> </ul>
Work w/ <b>Borough Citywide Offices (BCOs)</b> to solve system level challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Engage Directors of Student Svcs, Guidance, Mental Health, MLL/ELL and Attendance Teachers</li> <li>Link to community resources</li> <li>Provide training and information</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Build relationships, knowledge, systems to support schools</li> <li>Solve escalated, complex challenges for individual students</li> </ul>
Guide <b>DOE Central</b> to build stronger strategies and policies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop policy and guidance</li> <li>Link to community resources</li> <li>Provide training and information</li> <li>Partner w/ other city agencies</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ensure compliance and support innovation through promising practices for the entire DOE</li> </ul>

# Conducting Systems Change DOE Wide

## ARP-HCY planning and implementation

- \$33 million (must be spent by Sept 2024)
- Ongoing Town Halls, inter- and intra-agency working groups

## Advancing supports for students in foster care

- Updating, improving policy
- Developing training and guidance
- Building intra- inter-agency partnerships

## Developing training and guidance DOE wide

- #STHAchieve annual conference (~1K)
- Annual STH SBL training (~1.6K)
- Inter-agency frontline staff (~2K)
- Transportation / busing task force

## Improving Title I STH compliance

- Monitoring school planning, spending
- Developing guidance, best practices

## Creating information management systems

- Inter-agency data sharing
- Moving from paper to online workflows

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Program Name	Total
STH DOE central staffing, training and professional development	~\$7 million
100 Bridging the Gap Social Workers in high STH schools	~\$14 million
107 STH Community Coordinators in high STH schools	~\$11 million
117 STH Family Assistants in shelters	~\$7 million
Nursing services in high STH schools	~\$.9 million
Mental health and vision screening services in high STH Schools	~\$2.5 million
Students in Temporary Housing Title I Funding (all schools)	\$72 million
Title I Funding for District 75 schools	~\$2 million
<b>NYC DOE FY22 Budget for Homeless Services</b>	<b>~\$116 million</b>

# NYC DOE STH Contact & Program Info

## [Family Facing STH Page:](#)

1. *Overview of student rights*
2. *Contact Info for STH team*
3. *Student & family resources*

<https://www.schools.nyc.gov/sth>

## [School Facing STH Pages:](#)

1. *Students in Temporary Housing team*
2. *School-based STH Liaisons*
3. *STH Enrollment*
4. *STH Transportation*
5. *STH Identification & Data Entry*
6. *Title I STH Funds*

<https://infohub.nyced.org/sth>

The screenshot shows the NYC Department of Education website. The header includes the NYC Department of Education logo, navigation links (Get Help, Calendar, Find a School), a language selection dropdown, and a search bar. The main navigation menu includes Enrollment, Learning, School Life, Get Involved, and Career. The breadcrumb trail is Home > School Life > Special Situations > Students in Temporary Housing. The page title is 'Students in Temporary Housing'. Below the title is a section 'On this page...' with a list of links: 1. Student Rights, 2. School Enrollment & Transfers, 3. Transportation, 4. Get Help, 5. Connect with a Regional Manager, 6. Find out more, and 7. E.G. v. City of New York (WiFi Case): Notice of Proposed Class Action Settlement.

The screenshot shows the NYC InfoHub website. The header includes the NYC Department of Education logo, navigation links (Family Website, DOE Applications and Systems, Calendar, Sign Out), and a search bar. The main navigation menu includes Working with the DOE, Reports, In Our Schools, HR/Roles, School Year, and DOE Topics. The breadcrumb trail is Home > DOE Topics > Special Populations > Students in Temporary Housing. The page title is 'Students in Temporary Housing'. Below the title are several expandable sections: 'Who are students in temporary housing?', 'What is the McKinney-Vento Act?', and 'What is Chancellor's Regulation A-780?'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Students in Temporary Housing Team' with a brief description: 'The STH team is supported by the Office of Community Schools including Bridging the Gap Social Workers, STH Community Coordinators, Family Assistants, and STH Regional Managers.'

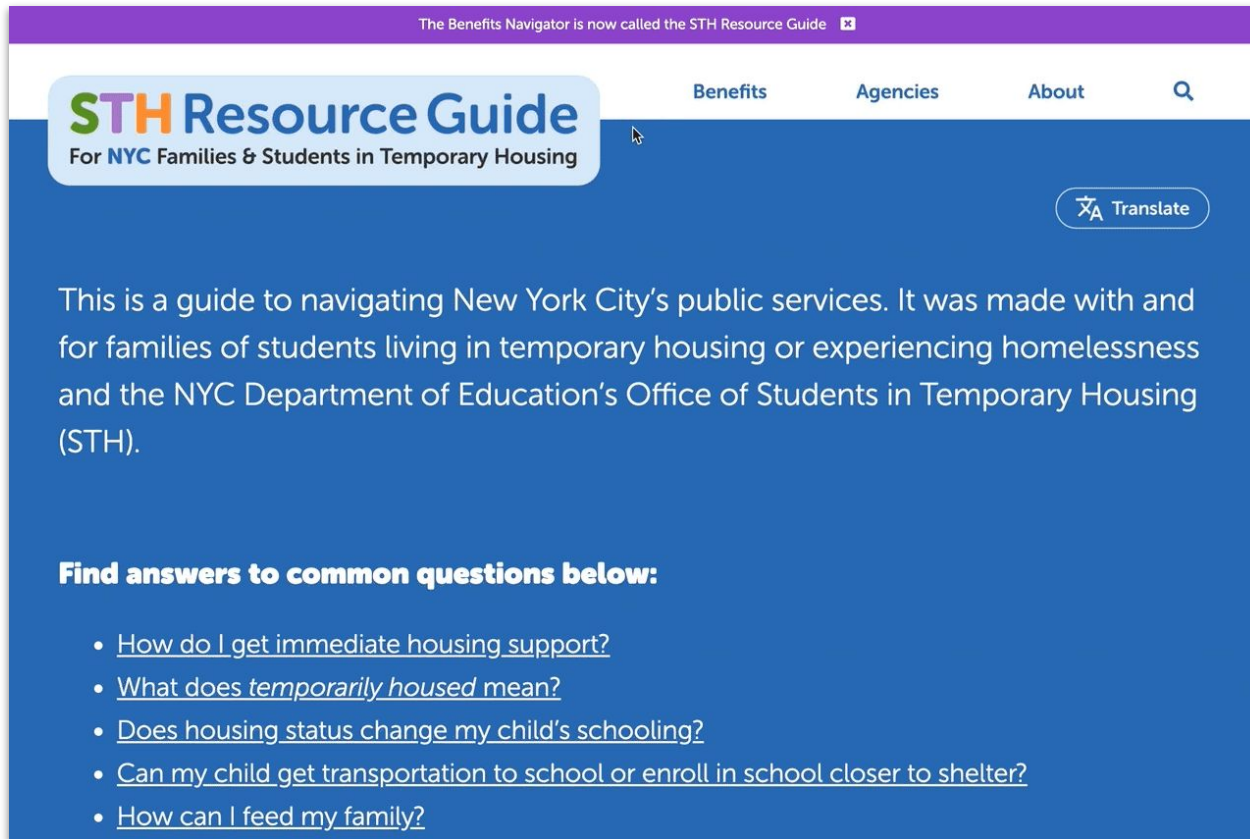
# Additional Useful Information

# Overview of NYC Shelter Systems

Shelter Type	Agency Lead	Key Info
<b>Family Shelters</b>	Department of Homeless Services (DHS)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>90% of families housed here</i></li><li>• Enter in-person at PATH: 151 East 151st Street, Bronx</li><li>• <a href="#">DHS Family w/ Children Shelters Info</a></li></ul>
<b>Domestic Violence Shelters</b>	Human Resources Administration (HRA)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Access through PATH, or</li><li>• Call 1-800-621-HOPE (4673)</li><li>• <a href="#">HRA DV Supports</a></li></ul>
<b>Emergency Housing Shelters</b>	Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For families displaced by fire, flood, or vacate order</li><li>• Call 212-863-8561</li><li>• <a href="#">HPD Emergency Housing</a></li></ul>
<b>Runaway Youth Shelters</b>	Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Only serves runaway and homeless youth (RHY)</li><li>• Call Youth Connect at 800-246-4646</li><li>• <a href="#">DYCD RHY Supports</a></li></ul>

# Finding Housing, Food, Healthcare, Jobs

STH Resource Guide: [sth.cityofnewyork.us](http://sth.cityofnewyork.us)



The Benefits Navigator is now called the STH Resource Guide

## STH Resource Guide

For NYC Families & Students in Temporary Housing

Benefits Agencies About

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This is a guide to navigating New York City's public services. It was made with and for families of students living in temporary housing or experiencing homelessness and the NYC Department of Education's Office of Students in Temporary Housing (STH).

**Find answers to common questions below:**

- [How do I get immediate housing support?](#)
- [What does \*temporarily housed\* mean?](#)
- [Does housing status change my child's schooling?](#)
- [Can my child get transportation to school or enroll in school closer to shelter?](#)
- [How can I feed my family?](#)



# Unaccompanied Youth

Unaccompanied youth are students **not** in the physical custody of their parent or legal guardian; this includes young people who

- Have run away from home,
- Have been kicked out of their homes, or
- Have been abandoned by parents.

There is no age limit for unaccompanied youth, but these students are most often in their teens.

**Unaccompanied Youth are eligible for all rights under McKinney-Vento and Chancellor's Regulations A-780 if they also lack a fixed, adequate, and regular nighttime residence.**

**Reminder:** An offer to return home or financial support from a parent does not disqualify a youth from being unaccompanied and supported by McKinney-Vento.

Email [STHInfo@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:STHInfo@schools.nyc.gov)  
with any questions