

SETTLING YOUR CHILDREN IN SCHOOL AFTER MOVING

When you first move into a shelter or when you move from one shelter into another shelter, you have three options:

1. *You can keep your children in the same school* they are currently attending.

OR

2. *You can transfer your children to the local school* in the new school district or region where your family is now living. *For help enrolling in the new local school*, contact the Department of Education Family Assistant in the shelter where you are living. The Family Assistant should help you get all the needed paperwork to the new school. If you are having trouble contacting the Family Assistant or for more assistance, call the Students in Temporary Housing Coordinator at the local Learning Support Center. To get the phone number for the local Learning Support Center call the Chancellor's Customer Support Line at 718-482-3777.

OR

3. *You can re-enroll your children in the school they went to before the family became homeless* (this school is known as the school of origin). *For help re-enrolling in the school of origin*, contact Department of Education Family Assistant in the shelter where you are living. If you are having trouble contacting the Family Assistant or for more assistance, call the Students in Temporary Housing Coordinator at your local Learning Support Center. To get the phone number for the local Learning Support Center call the Chancellor's Customer Support Line at 718-482-3777.

When you move from a shelter into permanent housing, you have two options:

1. *You can keep your children in the same school* they are currently attending. Your children can stay in that school until they graduate even if the school is outside of the district or region where you are permanently living.

OR

2. *You can transfer your children to the local school* in the new school district or region where your family is now living.

Enrollment

- ***To find the name and address of your children's new local school***, call the local Learning Support Center. To get the phone number for the local Learning Support Center, call the Chancellor's Customer Support Line at 718-482-3777.
- ***For help enrolling in the new local school***, contact the Department of Education Family Assistant at the last shelter where you lived. They should help you get all the needed paperwork to the new school. If you are having trouble contacting the Family Assistant or for more assistance, call the Students in Temporary Housing Coordinator at the local Learning Support Center. To get the number for the local Learning Support Center call the Chancellor's Customer Support Line at 718-482-3777.

TRANSPORTATION

Families Living in Shelters

The Department of Education will provide transportation for your children to go school while your family is living in a shelter.

- ***For children in grades K-6***, the Department of Education will provide **bussing** if there is an available route.
- ***For older students or where there is not an available bussing route***, the Department of Education will provide a **full-fare MetroCard**. If there is not an available bus route and you must go with your younger children to school, you may be entitled to a transportation grant from welfare. For more information contact your welfare worker or call The Partnership for the Homeless at (800) 235-3444.

Families Moving into Permanent Housing

After you move into permanent housing, the Department of Education will continue to provide transportation if your children do not transfer to a local school.

For help with transportation, talk to the Family Assistant. If you are having trouble contacting the Family Assistant or for more assistance, call the Students in Temporary Housing Coordinator at your the local Learning Support Center. To get the phone number for the local Learning Support Center call the Chancellor's Customer Support Line at 718-482-3777.

If you have any questions or are having problems with enrollment or transportation, please contact Kristen Woolf (800) 235-3444 x135 at The Partnership for the Homeless.