

Was your family displaced by Hurricane Harvey? Does your child have a Special Education or Section 504 need?

What you can do

1. Enroll your child in school now, even if you plan to return to your home district soon. Your child's new school can begin services right away.

2. Compile any information you have about your child's IEP or 504 plan if you have it.

You may not have a physical copy of your child's IEP or 504 plan with you, and it may take time for your old school to provide one. That's OK. For now, just describe the services that were provided to your student by your old school with as much detail as you can. See below for the kinds of information you will likely be asked to provide.

3. Put your requests in writing.

It's always best to put your needs in writing because, though your child and their educational needs are very important, school officials have many demands on them, especially in times of crisis like a natural disaster. To make it easier, we have attached a form letter for you to use if you like.

4. For more information...

Upon enrollment, if you have lingering questions, your district or campus has people to assist you.

- The local McKinney Vento liaison may help you with your housing arrangements during this displacement; and/or
- The special-education director, or campus special education designee may help you with your IEP; and/or
- The 504 coordinator may help you with your 504 plan.

Information helpful to your school if you cannot find your child's IEP or 504 Plan

Current Information:

Student's First Name:	Grade:
Student' Last Name:	Age:
Parent/Guardian Name:	
Contact Phone Number:	

Previous School District Information:

School District's Name:	
Campus Name:	

Program Questions:

Student's	Disability	(ies):
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Did your child receive services in a special education classroom? If so, please	Yes
describe the setting.	No

If yes, how much time was spent in the special education classroom each day and for what subject/IEP areas?

What types of supplementary aids/services, accommodations, or modifications (For IEPs) did your child receive?

If your child received special education services, what types of goals did he or she have?			
Math:			
Reading:			
Other:			

Did your child receive any related services like special transportation?		Yes
		No

Additional information you may need to	
know about my child (medications, behavior	
plans etc.).	

TEA acknowledges the work of Disability Rights Texas and Texans for Special Education Reform in helping to compile this information for parents.

Form letter example for families of children with disabilities who were displaced by Hurricane Harvey

Date:

Dear (name of principal):

My family was displaced by Hurricane Harvey, and we have relocated to your school district. My child, ______, is _____, years old and in the ______ grade. At (*name of your former school*) _______, our school of origin, my child received the following services and supports: (*Provide a list of as much information as possible from the page above.*)

These educational services and supports were provided in the following placement: (*Provide a list with as much information as possible from the page above.*)

I can be reached by email at _____ and/or by phone at

I look forward to hearing from you so we can facilitate my child's successful entry into your school.

Thank you for your help. Sincerely,

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Your name			
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Your phone number_____

Your email address_____