



RCSS Hurricane Helene Disaster Resources for Parents

If you have been displaced due to Hurricane Helene, please use this QR code to let the RCSS Student Services team know that you need assistance. A school district representative will be in contact with you.



If you are a family who is now displaced from their home due to Hurricane Helene you may now qualify as a McKinney Vento Student (homeless). McKinney Vento Students have the following rights:

- a. The right to **immediate enrollment**—even without the required documents. All students should be enrolled in school the day they register.
- b. The right to **remain at their school of origin**—regardless of your nighttime residence. Students should not be forced to transfer to another school—unless the parent determines it is in the best interest of the student.
- c. The right to **request transportation to their school of origin** if that is what is in the best interest of the student. This transportation could take up to 10-14 days to set up.
- d. The right to **comparable services** (transportation, meals, and special education services) as all other students
- e. The right to **academic support** if needed
- f. The right to the **same school environment** as all other students.



Food and Water and Supplies

- Augusta Fire Department—serving free meals at Center of Hope—1384 Greene Street @5:30 pm
- Warren Church—3202 Washington Road—food, ice, water, and other supplies at 10 am
- Resource Pantry at the Hub—631 Chafee Ave from 10 am- 4 pm
- Greater Augusta Interfaith Coalition –food and supplies 12 pm – 4 pm at 1439 Walton Way until October 15,2024
- Trinity on the Hill—1330 Monte Sano Ave from October 7, 2024 – October 11, 2024 11 am – 2 pm food, formula, wipes, baby food, diapers, pull-ups, cleaning supplies.
- The Family YMCA of Greater Augusta is offering grab-and-go breakfast and lunch to kids at:
 - Dorothy Hains Elementary, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Augusta South Family YMCA, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Burke County Family YMCA, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 - Thomson Family YMCA, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Wilson Family YMCA, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
 - Monte Sano Elementary, 3-6 p.m.
 - Aiken County Family YMCA, 3-7 p.m.
 - North Augusta Family YMCA, 3-7 p.m.

Laundry Sites

- Augusta Rescue Mission—Fresh Start Laundry—free laundry services—Monday – Friday 9 am, 11 am, 1pm, and 3 pm. Sign up at <https://augustarescuemission.org/fresh-start-laundry>
- Journey Community Church continues to offer laundry services. Anyone needing laundry done can email candiceayers@journeycommunity.net.
- The Salvation Army of Augusta is back at The Hub on Friday, October 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. to provide free laundry services.

Shelter Sites

- Henry Brigham Community Center 2463 Golden Camp Road, Augusta, GA
- Center of Hope—1384 Green Street, Augusta, GA

Strike Teams

- Firefighters are bringing help to Augusta residents who need it. To get help, call 311.



Showers/Charging Stations/Wi-Fi

- Augusta South, Burke, Wilson, and Thomson YMCA's open to the public with access to showers, charging stations, water and wi-fi.

Counseling/Student Support

- All Schools have School Counselors that can assist with students who are having difficulty dealing with the trauma and aftermath of Hurricane Helene.
- Mental Health Counselors, School Psychologists, School Social Workers will all be available at the schools beginning on October 16, 2024 to help address those students who need more support.

Other Disaster Resources

- **American Red Cross**
 - Augusta Chapter—1322 Ellis Street, Augusta, GA – 1-800-RED-CROSS
 - Structural Damage – call 1-800-733-2767
- **Crisis Clean Up Program** – 1-844-965-1386
 - Provides clean up help – tarps for roofs, cleaning up trees, & muck and gut (cut down damaged dry wall and pulls up damaged flooring)
- **FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency)** – call 1-800-621-3362
 - If claims are denied – individuals are able to appeal the denials
 - Visit www.resources.redcross.org
 - click Care – Physical Safety – Disaster Response – Disaster Legal Services
- **Free legal services to assist with appeals** - www.disasterassistance.gov
 - Can assist with applying for FEMA Disaster Assistance and guide individuals/families to other resources to help with recovery – English and Spanish
- **211 – United Way** – dial 2-1-1
 - Enter zip code for Resources
- **Disaster Distress Hotline** – call or text 1-800-985-5990
 - Provides year-round disaster crisis counseling
 - 24/7 support to all residents in the U.S. and its territories
 - Toll-free
 - Multilingual