McKinney-Vento

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**Children & Youth Experiencing Homelessness Rights in Education**

The McKinney-Vento Act defines homeless children and youth as:

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, and includes children and youth who are:

* sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason;
* living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to lack of alternative adequate accommodations;
* living in emergency or transitional shelters;
* abandoned in hospitals;
* living in a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
* living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings;
* fleeing domestic violence, sexual assault or stalking, and;
* migratory children who qualify as homeless because they are living in circumstances described above.

**Your School District provides the following assurances to parents and guardians of children & youth experiencing homelessness and unaccompanied homeless youth:**

* The child or youth shall be immediately enrolled and allowed to fully participate in school, even if unable to produce records normally required for enrollment (e.g., academic records, immunization and other required health records, proof of residency, or other documentation) or has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness.
* Children and youth are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless and have full and equal educational and related opportunities.
* Meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children including special notices of events, parent-teacher conferences, newsletters, and access to student records.
* Immediate enrollment and transportation to the school of origin. “School of origin” means the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool.
* Written explanation of any decisions related to school selection/ enrollment made by the school, the local educational agency, or the State educational agency involved, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal and receive prompt resolution of such decisions.

**McKINNEY-VENTO STUDENT EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS INFORMATION**

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| **Name of Child(ren)** | **Age** | **Grade** | **Name of school attending or last attended** | **Needs for school participation**  (supplies, clothing, etc.) | **Currently enrolled in McKinney-Vento program?** |
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\_\_\_ School of Origin Selection \_\_\_ Transportation \_\_\_ School Records \_\_\_ Immunization Records\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

What is the action plan to address these barriers?

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**BARRIERS FOR STUDENT**

**My RIGHTS under McKinney-Vento have been discussed with me and I understand the assurances regarding these rights.**

Head of Household: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Case Manager: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Mobility- Is student(s):**

\_\_\_\_ Staying in school of origin?

\_\_\_\_Attending school of origin?

Is transportation to the school of origin provided?

\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ NO

**MODE OF TRANSPORTATION**

\_\_\_Bus Route \_\_\_ Contracted Services

\_\_\_Privately-Owned, non-family vehicle \_\_\_ Public Transportation

\_\_\_Mileage Reimbursement to Family \_\_\_ City/County Service

\_\_\_Taxi \_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**STUDENT TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION**