



McKinney-Vento Education Program: Student Rights & Questionnaire

- The federal McKinney-Vento Act protects the rights of children and youths in **homeless situations (a temporary housing situation, who are facing a housing hardship)** to attend and succeed in school.
- The McKinney-Vento Act applies to all children and youths who **do not have a fixed, regular, and adequate residence**, including those who are staying with friends or relatives because they have lost their housing; are awaiting foster care placement; or are living in emergency or transitional shelters, motels, domestic violence shelters, campgrounds, inadequate trailer parks, cars, public spaces, abandoned buildings, or bus and train stations.

Student Rights- Children and youths in homeless situations have the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there.
- Choose the local school where they are now living, the school they attended before they lost their housing, or the school where they were last enrolled.
- Enroll in school without immunization, school records, proof of residency, or birth certificates and other such documents.
- Be provided with transportation to and from school.
- Be free from harassment and isolation.
- Access to Title I and other educational programs to the same extent as other students.
- Have any disagreements with the school settled quickly.

**The McKinney-Vento Education Act is a federal law; therefore, it supersedes all state laws and school district policies. This law does not recognize school district, county or state borders.*

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McKinney-Vento Education Program Questionnaire

Please complete this form if you feel you meet the eligibility requirements for educational services under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Student _____ Parent/Guardian _____

School _____ Phone _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____

Is this address Temporary or Permanent? Yes No

Please choose which of the following situations the student currently resides in (you can choose more than one):

- _____ House or apartment with parent or guardian
- _____ Motel, car, or campsite
- _____ Shelter or other temporary housing
- _____ With friends or family members (other than or in addition to parent/guardian)

If you are living in shared housing, please check all the following reasons that apply:

- _____ Loss of housing
- _____ Economic situation
- _____ Temporarily waiting for house or apartment
- _____ Provide care for a family member
- _____ Living with boyfriend/girlfriend
- _____ Loss of employment
- _____ Parent/Guardian is deployed
- _____ Other (Please explain)

Are you a student under the age of 18 and living apart from your parents or guardians? Yes No

By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received and understand the above rights.

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Unattached Youth

Date

Signature of School Personnel/ Advisor

Date

Signature of McKinney-Vento Liaison

Date