

McKinney-Vento Act Residency and Educational Rights Information

(questionnaire must be completed for each student)

In Indiana over 29,000 children experience homelessness each year. The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act was created with the goal of ensuring the enrollment, attendance, and success of homeless children and youth in school.

The McKinney-Vento Act provides certain rights for homeless students. This includes waiving certain requirements such as proof of residency when students are enrolling and allowing eligibility for certain services, such as free textbooks.

When families and students find themselves in transition due to their housing situation, it is important that they know their rights regarding education. If students meet the requirements as stated in the McKinney-Vento Act (42 U.S.C 11431 et seq., Title VII, Subtitle B), their rights are as follows:

- Students may attend their school of origin or the school where they are temporarily residing.
- Students must be provided a written statement of their rights when they enroll and at least two additional times per year.
- Students may enroll without school, medical or similar records.
- Students have a right to transportation to school.
- Students must be provided a statement explaining why they are denied enrollment or any other services.
- Students must receive services, such as transportation, while disputes are being settled.
- Students are automatically eligible for Title I services. *Educational services for which the homeless student meets eligibility criteria including services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act or similar State or local programs, educational programs for students with limited English proficiency.*

According to the U.S. Department of Education, people living in the following situations are considered homeless:

- Doubled up with family or friends due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- Living in motels and hotels for lack of other suitable housing
- Runaway and displaced children and youth – Unaccompanied Youth
- Homes for unwed or expectant mothers for lack of a place to live
- Homeless and domestic violence shelters
- Transitional housing programs
- The streets
- Abandoned buildings
- Public places not meant for housing
- Cars, trailers (does not include mobile homes intended for permanent housing), and campgrounds
- Awaiting foster care
- Migratory children staying in housing not fit for habitation

Please complete the form on the reverse side of this document and return to your school office.

Questions may be directed to your Principal, Social Worker, or:

Becky Rose, Director of Student Services/McKinney-Vento Liaison, 812-349-4763

Michael Williams, McKinney-Vento State Coordinator, 317-234-4827

McKinney-Vento Residency Form

Student Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade Level _____

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Title X, Part C, of the No Child Left Behind Act) defines “homeless” as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.” This includes children who “are **temporarily** sharing the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing or economic hardship.”

Does not apply; student is not homeless

Please check *one* of the following statements if your family is experiencing temporary homelessness:

Living in a shelter, including transitional housing shelters (i.e. The Rise, Stepping Stones); awaiting foster care, etc.– Please provide name of shelter: _____ and address: _____

Living on the streets, abandoned buildings, in cars, trailers, campgrounds, public places, housing not fit for habitation--Please provide information regarding area in which student is living: _____

Living in hotels/motels for lack of other suitable housing – Please list name and address of hotel/motel: _____

Doubled-up; **Temporarily** living with family or friends due to lack of adequate housing or financial conditions. Please provide address of where student is living:
Address: _____

Please answer the following if you checked one of the four boxes above:

How long do you expect to be at this address? _____

Are you seeking permanent housing? _____

Date student moved to this address: _____

Is a parent living in the home with the student? _____

If no, with whom is student living? _____ Relationship: _____

The School Social Worker may be in contact with you if clarification or bus transportation is needed.

We have read the information provided and indicated our living circumstances above with regard to the McKinney-Vento Act:

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Unaccompanied Youth

Date

Office Use Only:

_____ Does Qualify under McKinney-Vento Act _____ Does NOT Qualify

McKinney-Vento Liaison/Appointee Signature

Date