

# Information for Parents



## IF YOU ARE STAYING IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter or transitional housing

In a motel, hotel, or campground  
because you don't have another  
safe and stable place to stay

In a car, park, public place,  
abandoned building, or bus or  
train station

In someone else's house because  
you lost your housing or are going  
through a hard time financially and  
don't have another safe and stable  
place to stay

Your school-age child(ren) might  
qualify for help at school under  
the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

## If your child(ren) qualify under the McKinney-Vento Act, they have the right to:

**Go to public school for free** and participate fully in school activities.

**Enroll in school immediately** and go to class, even if you don't have the documents normally required for school. The school where you are enrolled is responsible for helping you get any documents needed to keep attending classes.

**Enroll in the local school near where you're staying or continue going to your school of origin** (the school you went to when you last had a safe and stable place to live or the school where you were last enrolled), based on where you think would be best for you to go to school.

If the school district thinks that where you want to go to school is

not in your best interest, the district has to tell you in writing why it thinks another school would be better for you and give you the opportunity to appeal its decision if you want to do that. The district also has to connect you with the McKinney-Vento district liaison, who has to help you understand your right to appeal.

**Get transportation to and from your school of origin**, if you keep going to this school and ask for transportation.

**Get help at school** that is similar to the help other students get, based on what you might need. These services could include transportation, academic help, and free meals at school.

**If you think your child(ren) might qualify, contact the district McKinney-Vento local liaison or the McKinney-Vento state coordinator to find out what help might be available for your child(ren) at school.**



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You also can contact the National Center for Homeless Education  
if you have questions about your education:

1-305-306-8495 • [NCHE.helpline@safalpartners.com](mailto:NCHE.helpline@safalpartners.com) • <http://nche.ed.gov>



**The LEA/Charter District** shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and unaccompanied youth, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

### **McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless:**

***The term “homeless children and youth”— means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence [\[42 U.S.C. § 11434a\(2\)\]](#).***

A student may be considered eligible for services as a “Homeless Child or Youth” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living in one of the following situations:

- sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason,
- living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations,
- living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals,
- have 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, or
- is a migratory child who qualifies as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

To remove educational barriers for children and youths experiencing homelessness, the McKinney-Vento Act mandates the following: **Immediate Enrollment:** Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)].

**School Selection and Maintained Enrollment:** McKinney Vento eligible students have a right to select from the options outlined below. Students may remain enrolled in their selected schools for the duration of homelessness, and until the end of the academic year upon which they are permanently housed or enroll the child or youth in any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is living are eligible to attend. [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(A), 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(B) and 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(I) (i)].

School of Origin	School of Residency
The school the student attended when permanently housed	The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides
The school in which the student was last enrolled	

**Transportation Services:** McKinney-Vento eligible students attending their School of Origin have a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iii)].

**Participation in Programs:** McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to services comparable to services offered to other students in the school [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(4) & (6)(iii)].


**Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness:** McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to immediate enrollment without proof of guardianship [42 U.S.C. §1432(g)(1)(H)(iv)].

**Access to Extracurricular Activities:** Removal of barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities for homeless students who meet relevant eligibility criteria [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(F)(iii)].

**Dispute Resolution:** If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E)].

**Appointment of a Local Homeless Liaison:** The McKinney-Vento Act mandates the appointment of a local Homeless Liaison in every school district or local education agency (LEA) to ensure that homeless children and youth are enrolled in and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(ii) and U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)].

For more information, refer to [Arizona Department of Education, Homeless Education, 42 USC CHAPTER 119, SUBCHAPTER VI, Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths, and the AZ State ESSA Plan](#). You may also contact:

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Educating the Whole Child

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## MCKINNEY-VENTO QUESTIONNAIRE

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_ Female \_\_\_

Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

This questionnaire is intended to address the McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11435. The answers to this questionnaire help determine the services a student may be eligible to receive. Eligibility must be reviewed and reevaluated every school year.

### RESIDENCY INFORMATION:

1. Is your current address a temporary living arrangement?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

2. Is this temporary living arrangement due to loss of housing or hardship?

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**If you answered yes to questions 1 & 2, please check the appropriate answer for question 3. If you answered "no" to either question 1 or question 2, please skip question 3.**

3. Where is the student presently living? (check one)

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|--------------------|---|
| _____ Motel/hotel  | _____ With more than one family in a house/apartment  |
| _____ Shelter      | _____ In a place not designed for ordinary sleeping accommodations: such as a car, park or campsite |
| _____ Group Home   |   |
| _____ Other: _____ |   |

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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### FOR SCHOOL PERSONNEL USE ONLY

Student **does not** qualify \_\_\_\_\_

Student **does** qualify \_\_\_\_\_

Student ID# \_\_\_\_\_ SAIS # \_\_\_\_\_ Entered into PS on \_\_\_\_\_ By (initials) \_\_\_\_\_

**I certify the above-named student qualifies for the Child Nutrition Program under the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Act.**

McKinney-Vento Liaison: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Food Service Personnel: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective Date: \_\_\_\_\_