
Public School and Your Rights

Under the federal McKinney-Vento Act

If

- Your family lives in a shelter
- Your Family lives in a motel or campground due to not having a fixed or stable living situation
- Your family lives in a car, park, abandoned building, or train station
- Your family lives with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Then

- Your child is eligible to receive a free, appropriate education
- Your child has the right to enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents usually required
- Your child may enroll and attend school while you and the school gather needed documents
- Your child may be enrolled in the local school or their school of origin (the school attended when permanently housed or the school they were last enrolled in), if that is your preference and it is feasible
 - If the district believes that your selection is not in the best interest of your child, then they must provide a written explanation and inform you of your right to appeal its decision
- Your child can receive transportation to and from school of origin, if you request this
- Your child can receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students



HOUSING INFORMATION FORM

Your answers will help determine if the student meets eligibility requirements for services under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Student _____ Parent/Guardian _____
School _____ Phone _____
Age _____ Grade _____ D.O.B. _____
Address _____ City _____
Zip Code _____ Is this address Temporary or Permanent? (circle one) 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 of 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

Housing and Educational Rights

Students without fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residences have the following rights:

- Immediate enrollment in the school they last attended or the local school where they are currently staying even if they do not have all of the documents normally required at the time of enrollment without fear of being separated or treated differently due to their housing situations;
- Transportation to the school of origin for the regular school day;
- Access to free meals, Title I and other educational programs, and transportation to extra-curricular activities to the same extent that it is offered to other students.

Any questions about these rights can be directed to the local McKinney-Vento liaison at [Insert phone number] or the State Coordinator at [Insert phone number].

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

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Unattached Youth

Date

What questions would be helpful to ask when I enroll?

- » Who is the local homeless education liaison? How can I contact him or her?
- » What transportation is available for my child to stay in the same school (the school of origin)?
- » If my child changes schools, who can help us transfer records to the new school quickly?
- » How can my child receive free meals at school?
- » How can my child receive free school supplies, if needed?
- » Who can help if my child needs special education services? How quickly can these services be set up?
- » What academic help is available for my child, such as Title I programs or after-school tutoring?
- » What programs can help develop my child's talents and address his/her unique needs?
- » Are there sports, music, or other activities available for my child, and is there transportation available?
- » How can my child go on class field trips or participate in other school activities if I can't pay for them?
- » Is there a preschool program for my younger children, under four?
- » If school uniforms are required, is there a way to get help getting them?
- » Do you have a list of local resources?



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