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Homeless / Highly Mobile Students Identification Procedure

Westbrook Walnut Grove Public Schools

Purpose: Identifying homeless and highly mobile children and youth is required by Title 1 / NCLB and McKinney-Vento legislation to ensure that these students have opportunities to meet the same challenging district and state standards expected of all students. This includes immediate access to free meals.

A student meets the McKinney-Vento definition of being homeless or highly mobile if his or her family lives in any of the following conditions because of lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence:

- In a shelter (family shelter, domestic violence shelter, youth shelter, or temporary housing program)
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing
- In an abandoned building, other inadequate accommodation, or in a car
- On the street
- In temporary foster care
- With friends or family because you are an unaccompanied youth
- Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence

Students who live in conditions that meet this definition can be identified at Student Placement, by shelter staff, or by school staff, at any time of the school year. To assist staff to identify homeless students new to the district or to the school, an additional question is included on the Form 13 and/or the online registration form with a Self Identification form for families or youth to complete. A student who has a history of residential address changes may also be identified as homeless. Questions about homeless status should be referred to the District Liaison (507) 859-2141.

When a student or his/her family reports living in one of these conditions to any school district staff, the student's confidential file is coded by shelter program staff in one of the following categories:

- H for homeless by being highly mobile, doubled up, on the street, in a motel or vehicle
- S for staying in shelter housing

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Coding on discovery is done by school program staff only. Notify one of the contacts below by emailing or faxing the School Site Identification form attached.

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This code is limited to one year. This code will remain on the student's file for the duration of the school year, and at the end of the school year the code will be deleted. All student files will have a blank housing code beginning July 1.

McKinney-Vento Legislation and District Policy Definition:

The term **"homeless children and youth"** means **individuals who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence** as those terms are defined in law. They include:

- 1) Children and youths who are **sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters, abandoned in hospitals, or are awaiting foster care placement.**
- 2) Children and youth who 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.**
- 3) Children and youth who are **living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and**
- 4) **Migratory children**, as this term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this definition because the children are living in circumstances described in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

Homeless/highly mobile students have the right to: immediate enrollment in school, continue at the same school if transportation is feasible; attend special programs and receive services as all other students.

SCHOOL SITE IDENTIFICATION FORM

Homeless and Highly Mobile Students

WESTBROOK WALNUT GROVE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Request Date: _____

School Name: _____

I am requesting that the student(s) listed below be identified as homeless on his/her Discovery student file:

Student Name

ID # or Birthdate

Please check your best understanding of the student's living situation:

- ☐ In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing
- ☐ Doubled up with friends or relatives because housing cannot be found
- ☐ In an abandoned building, other inadequate housing, or in a car
- ☐ On the street
- ☐ In temporary foster care
- ☐ With friends or family because the student is an unaccompanied youth
- ☐ Lacking a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence

Staff making request: _____

Phone: _____

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