

## **McKinney-Vento Act Residency & 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.C11431) (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 1 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
- ✓ 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, School Social Worker/Counselor, or: School Corporation Liaison.

# Michigan City Area Schools McKinney-Vento Residency Form

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance 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 sign and date form below.)**

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

**Living in a shelter, including transitional housing shelters.** 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 where student is living: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Date student moved to this address: \_\_\_\_\_

How long do you expect to be at this address? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you seeking permanent housing?  Yes  No Is a parent living in the home with the student?  Yes  No

If no, with whom is student living? \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

A McKinney-Vento Liaison representing the district may be in contact for clarification or bus transportation.

We have read the information provided & indicated our living circumstances above specific to the McKinney-Vento Act:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian/Unaccompanied Youth Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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**Office Use Only:** \_\_\_\_\_ Does Qualify under McKinney-Vento Act \_\_\_\_\_ Does NOT Qualify

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McKinney-Vento Liaison/Appointee Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date