



THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS EDUCATION ACT

The Federal McKinney-Vento Education Homeless Education Assistance Act is designed to ensure educational rights and protections for students experiencing homelessness. Homelessness is defined as children and youth who “lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”

Consistent with the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education guidelines, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District afford homeless students and unaccompanied youth special consideration in addition to access to the same free, appropriate public education and opportunities thereof, that is provided to all other children and youth living in Hamilton or Wenham. The district will enroll homeless students even if they do not have the documents required for enrollment, such as school records, medical records, or proof of residency. Homeless students and unaccompanied youth are entitled to receive free and reduced school meals, transportation, English language service, vocational and technical services, gifted and talented services, special education, all extra-curricular activities and Title I services.

Please provide the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District with the following information:

Student Name _____

School _____

Gender:

M ☐

F ☐

N ☐

Race:

American Indian or Alaskan ☐

Black/African American ☐

Hawaiian/Pacific Islander ☐

Asian ☐

White ☐

Hispanic/Latino ☐

Do you have a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence? Yes ☐ No ☐

If no, please check the description that best describes your primary nighttime residence:

Shelter ☐ Unaccompanied Youth ☐ Hotel/Motel ☐ Double-up ☐ Unsheltered ☐

Emergency/Transitional Placement ☐

***For further information on the services or if you do not feel comfortable identifying yourself as homeless by way of this form, we encourage you to please contact, Stacy Bucyk, Homeless Coordinator, at 978-468-5303, in order to receive services made available through the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act.**

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