

New York State Housing Questionnaire

Identifying and serving students in temporary housing under the McKinney-Vento Act and NYS Ed Law §3209

This form is to be completed when a student first enrolls, and any time a change in housing status occurs. There are no wrong answers. This form may be filled out independently, or the McKinney-Vento Liaison can assist. To access a list of McKinney-Vento Liaisons, please visit <https://www.nysteachs.org/liaisons>

District or LEA	School Name
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About this form and your rights

Schools are required by federal and state law to identify students living in temporary housing and ensure they can enroll, attend, and succeed in school. The **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**, together with **New York State Education Law Section §3209**, protects students and families who no longer have a permanent, stable place to live; families who have lost housing; are staying with others temporarily; or are living somewhere that was never meant to be a home.

Eligible students have the right to:

- ✓ Stay in the school they attended when last permanently housed (called the school of origin), for as long as they are in temporary housing.
- ✓ Immediately enroll in the local school where they are temporarily staying (the school of current location).
- ✓ Enroll and start school right away, even without a birth certificate, proof of residency, immunization records, or school records.
- ✓ Receive free transportation to and from the school of attendance, as well as after-school activities (If within 50 miles).
- ✓ Receive free school meals without income paperwork as well as access to other school services including McKinney-Vento Grant resources, if available.

This information is confidential and will be shared only with school staff who have a legitimate educational need to support student access to McKinney-Vento rights and services. Providing this information is voluntary and will be used only to determine eligibility for services under the McKinney-Vento Act and NYS Education Law §3209. Providing it will not affect your immigration status or your eligibility for enrollment or other services.

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student Name (Last, First)	Student Grade Level (Preschool-12)
Student Gender ☐ M ☐ F ☐ X = Nonbinary	Student Date of Birth (Month/Day/Year)
Parent/Legal Guardian Name	
Phone Number	E-Mail Address
Address where the student is currently living	

Where is the student residing right now?

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, students are protected when their nighttime residence is not **fixed, regular, and adequate**. Check every box that describes where **the student** is residing right now.

- ☐ Permanent housing: you own or rent a fixed, regular, and adequate home
- ☐ Doubled up: staying with another family or person due to a loss of housing, economic hardship, eviction, or other similar reason
- ☐ In an emergency, transitional, or domestic violence shelter. Shelter or program name: _____
- ☐ In a hotel or motel because there is no other alternative, adequate place to stay
- ☐ In a car, park, campsite, bus or train station, abandoned building, or another place not meant for stable habitation or established dwelling.
- ☐ In a place with no heat, running water, or electricity, or that is otherwise structurally unsafe or inadequate to reside in
- ☐ Displaced by a fire, flood, natural disaster, or other emergency
- ☐ Another temporary situation not listed here: _____

Is there anything else you would like us to know about your situation? (optional)

Is the student an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)?

The McKinney-Vento Act identifies students who are not living with a parent or legal guardian, and are not residing in permanent housing, as **Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY)**. UHYs have the right to enroll in school and to complete and sign this form independently, without a parent or adult present. The McKinney-Vento Liaison can assist UHYs with this process.

☐ Please check the box if you believe the student identified above may meet the McKinney-Vento eligibility criteria described above.

Additional Children within the Household?

To help us identify and support all eligible children and youth, please list every child who is currently living with you, regardless of age or school enrollment status. This includes infants, preschool-aged children, and school-aged children.

Student Name (Last, First)	Date of Birth	Grade	Current or Recent School	Last School Attended Before Current or Recent

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Accuracy of Information and Signature

The person completing this form certifies that the information provided above is correct and accurate to the best of their ability.

Name (print): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

An unaccompanied homeless youth may sign on their own behalf.

Need help? Contact the McKinney-Vento Liaison listed at the top of this form or call the NYS-TEACHS Helpline at 800-388-2014. Visit nysteachs.org for more information.

OFFICIAL USE ONLY (School Staff)

Date received: _____ Received by: _____ Eligibility: Eligible Not Eligible Pending

Homeless Primary Nighttime Residence Code (SIRS):

☐ D = Doubled up ☐ S = Shelter ☐ H = Hotel/Motel ☐ U = Unsheltered ☐ T = Transitional Housing

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth (UHY): ☐ Yes ☐ No

Designation Form: ☐ Yes ☐ N/A ☐ Coded in Student Information System (SIS)

Liaison notified (initials): _____ Date: _____ ☐ Family declined to provide information

Notes:
