INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS

IF YOUR FAMILY LIVES IN ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SITUATIONS:

In a shelter

In a motel or campground due to the lack of an alternative adequate accommodation

In a car, park, abandoned building, or bus or train station

Doubled up with other people due to loss of housing or economic hardship

Your school-age children may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Your eligible children have the right to:

• Receive a free, appropriate public education.

• Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.

• Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.

• Enroll in the local school; or continue attending their school of origin (the school they attended when permanently housed or the school in which they were last enrolled), if that is your preference.

  * If the school district believes that the school you select is not in the best interest of your children, then the district must provide you with a written explanation of its position and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.

• Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this.

• Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to your children's needs.

If you believe your children may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available. There also may be supports available for your preschool-age children.

Local Liaison
Jeff Baerwald
509-340-4305
JBaerwald@9mile.org

If you need further assistance with your children's educational needs, contact the National Center for Homeless Education:
1-800-308-2145  •  homeless@serve.org  •  http://nche.ed.gov
The answers to the following questions can help determine the services this student may be eligible to receive under the McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11435. The McKinney-Vento Act provides services and supports for children and youth experiencing homelessness. (Please see reverse side for more information)

If you own/rent your own home, you do not need to complete this form.

If you do not own/rent your own home, please check all that apply below. (Submit to District Homeless Liaison. Contact information can be found at the bottom of the page).

- In a motel
- In a shelter
- Moving from place to place/couch surfing
- In someone else’s house or apartment with another family
- In a residence with inadequate facilities (no water, heat, electricity, etc.)

Name of Student: _______________________________  First  ___________________________  Middle  ___________________________  Last  ___________________________

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Name of School: _______________________________  Grade: ___  Birthdate (Month/Day/Year): ___  Age: ___

Gender: ______________  □ Student is unaccompanied (not living with a parent or legal guardian)
                   □ Student is living with a parent or legal guardian

ADDRESS OF CURRENT RESIDENCE: ________________________________________________________________

PHONE NUMBER OR CONTACT NUMBER: _____________ NAME OF CONTACT: ______

Print name of parent(s)/legal guardian(s): ____________________________________________________________
(Or unaccompanied youth)

*Signature of parent/legal guardian: ___________________________ Date: ______________
(Or unaccompanied youth)

*I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of Washington that the information provided here is true and correct.

Please return completed form to:

Jeff Baerwald  509-340-4300  10110 W Charles Rd. Nine Mile Falls
District Liaison  Phone Number  Location
For School Personnel Only: For data collection purposes and student information system coding

☐ (N) Not Homeless ☐ (A) Shelters ☐ (B) Doubled-Up ☐ (C) Unsheltered ☐ (D) Hotels/Motels

McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11435

SEC. 725. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle:

(1) The terms enroll’ and enrollment’ include attending classes and participating fully in school activities.

(2) The term homeless children and youths’ —

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and

(B) includes —

(i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals;

(ii) children and youths 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 (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));

(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

(iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

(6) The term unaccompanied youth’ includes a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Additional Resources

Parent information and resources can be found at the following:

National Center for Homeless Education
National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)
SchoolHouse Connection

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