

## **McKinney-Vento Act Residency and 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.C 11431 et seq., 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 I 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
- Awaiting foster care
- 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, Social Worker, or:

Becky Rose, Director of Student Services/McKinney-Vento Liaison, 812-349-4763

Michael Williams, McKinney-Vento State Coordinator, 317-234-4827

**RESIDENCY INFORMATION FORM  
WEST CLARK COMMUNITY SCHOOLS**

This questionnaire is in compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act, U.S.C. 42 § 11432(a). Your answers will help the administrator determine residency documents necessary for enrollment of your student(s).

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_  
School \_\_\_\_\_ Phone/Pager \_\_\_\_\_  
Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ Is this address Temporary or Permanent? (Please circle one)

**If Temporary answer the following:**

\_\_\_\_\_ How long have you been at the temporary residence?  
\_\_\_\_\_ How long do you anticipate being at this temporary residence?

**Please choose which of the following situations the student currently resides in (you can choose more than one):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ House or apartment with parent or guardian
- \_\_\_\_\_ Motel, car, or campsite
- \_\_\_\_\_ With friends or family members (other than parent/guardian)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Shelter or other temporary housing

**If you are living in shared housing, please check all of the following reasons that apply:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Economic situation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Temporarily waiting for house or apartment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Provide care for a family member
- \_\_\_\_\_ Living with boyfriend/girlfriend
- \_\_\_\_\_ To enable child to attend West Clark Community Schools
- \_\_\_\_\_ Loss of employment
- \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian is deployed
- \_\_\_\_\_ Other (Please explain)

**Are you a student under the age of 18 and living without your parents or guardians?** Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Residency and Educational Rights**

Students who are in temporary, inadequate, and homeless living situations have the following rights:

- 1) Immediate enrollment in the school they last attended or the school in whose attendance area they are currently staying even if they do not have all of the documents normally required at the time of enrollment;
- 2) Access to free meals and textbooks, Title I and other educational programs, and other comparable services including transportation;
- 3) To attend the same classes and activities that students in other living situations also participate in without fear of being separated or treated differently due to their housing situations.

Any questions about these rights can be directed to the local McKinney-Vento Liaison at 812-246-3375 ( Jill Gerlach or Clemen Perez-Lloyd) or the State Coordinator at (800) 833-2199. By signing below, I acknowledge that I have received and understand the above rights.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent/Guardian/Unattached Youth

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Date