

SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

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McKinney-Vento Act Residency and Educational Rights Information

(questionnaire must be completed for each student)

The Arizona Homeless Education Program is dedicated to ensuring that all children and youth experiencing homelessness have access to the public education to which they are entitled under the federal McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Children and Youth Assistance Act. ADE works towards this goal by ensuring that Arizona state policies are in compliance with federal law, by providing technical assistance to Arizona's local homeless liaisons, and by providing informational and awareness materials to educators and other interested community members throughout Arizona.

Parent and Family Rights

- Your child can be enrolled in school, even if you do not have required documents such as a birth certificate or shot records.
- Your child may be able to stay at the same school, and you may be able to receive transportation to that school.
- Your child can receive free school breakfast and lunch.

The mission of the Homeless Education Program is to ensure that homeless children and youth have access to a free, appropriate public education, comparable to that provided to the children of any Arizona resident and consistent with Arizona's mandatory school attendance laws.

Subtitle B of Title VII of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.) is included in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) of 2015. The reauthorization requires that children and youths experiencing homelessness are immediately enrolled in school and have educational opportunities equal to those of their non-homeless peers. The statute requires every public school district and charter holder to designate a Homeless Liaison to ensure that homeless students are identified and their needs are being met.

In order to supplement services to these children and youths, the U.S. Department of Education provides funding for state and local activities. These dollars are allocated to the local education agencies through a competitive grant process, based on need and program quality.

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 provided and return to the school office.

Questions may be directed to your school Principal, Guidance Counselor, Social Worker, or Registrar at 602-265-2000.

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McKinney-Vento Residency Form

Student Name _____

Date of Birth _____ Grade Level _____

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (Title X, Part C, of the No Child Left Behind 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 check **one** of the following statements if your family is experiencing temporary homelessness:

Living in a shelter, including transitional housing shelters (i.e. Umom New Day Centers, Inc, A New Leaf) awaiting foster care, etc. – Please provide name and address of shelter:

Living on the streets, abandoned buildings, in cars, trailers, campgrounds, public places, housing and 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 of where student is living:

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

How long do you expect to be at this address? _____

Are you seeking permanent housing? _____

Date student moved to this address: _____

Is a parent living in the home with the student? _____

If no, with whom is student living? _____ Relationship: _____

The School Social Worker may be in contact with you if clarification or bus transportation is needed.

We have read the information provided and indicated our living circumstances above with regard to the McKinney-Vento Act:

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Unaccompanied Youth

Date

Office Use Only:

_____ Does Qualify under McKinney-Vento Act

_____ Does NOT Qualify

McKinney-Vento Liaison/Appointee Signature

Date