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Subtitle VII-McKinney Vento B Homeless Act (42 U.S.C. §11431 et seq.)

- Establishes - Homeless definition
- Ensures - Immediate/equal access to public education
- Provides - Stability/support for school success
- Addressed - Unique barriers faced by homeless
- Federal legislation - Supersedes state law

Reauthorization

- Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) 12/2015
- McKinney-Vento Amendments 10/1/2016
- For more information, visit;
www.serve.org/nche/legis.essa.php
- Note: Awaiting Foster Care Placement - Removed

ESSA

- Transportation - End of the school year
- Transportation -In walking district: certain circumstances
- Preschoolers – Bussed to district of origin
- **REQUIRES MONITORING OF LEAs FOR COMPLIANCE**

Chapter 17

EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND STUDENTS IN STATE FACILITIES

NEW JERSEY ADMINISTRATIVE CODE

TITLE 6A – EDUCATION

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Determination of Homeless Status

- Potential necessity homeless categories:
 - Public/private not ordinarily used
 - Cars
 - Vehicles
 - Mobile homes
 - Tents/temporary shelter/campsite
 - Migrant worker temporary shelters
 - Residence of relatives/friends- necessity

Determination of Homeless Status

- Potential necessity homeless categories:
 - Public or private shelter
 - Hotel/motel
 - Congregate shelters
 - Domestic violence
 - Runaway
 - Homeless
 - Transitional housing
 - Homes for adolescent mothers

Homeless Determination

Potential necessity homeless categories

- **Abandoned/sick residing - hospital**
- **Abandoned Building**
- **Eviction - reason irrelevant**
- **No fixed, regular/ adequate residence**

Fixed, Regular, and Adequate

- Fixed:

Stationary, permanent, not changing

- Regular:

Predictable, routine, consistent

- Adequate:

Lawfully / reasonably sufficient

Physical/psychological needs met

SAME PLACE (*fixed*) EVERY NIGHT (*regular*)

SLEEP in SAFE/ SUFFICIENT SPACE (*adequate*)

Can schools or anyone affiliated with the school contact the landlord, leaseholder, housing authority, or anyone else to discuss a student's or family's living situation?

A: NO. Schools must not contact the landlords of host families or any other third party to discuss the student's or families living situation. Residence information provided by parents, guardians, or youth to school's is part of the student's educational records protected by federal privacy laws; sharing student and family housing information would be a violation of federal law [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(G)]. Such contact could also lead to the eviction of the host family . However, the Act does not prohibit schools from requiring parents, guardians, or youth to submit emergency contact information [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(H); 20 U.S.C. §1232g].

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Homeless Children and Students
State Facilities

District of Residence/Origin Responsible

- **Determination/Placement**
- **Liaison Service**
- **Enrollment/Transportation**
- **Parents Rights/Child Find**

Reference Material

- National Center for Homeless Education :
 - 1-800-308-2145
 - homeless@serve.org
 - <http://nche.ed.gov>

Child Find – Posted

- Parent Information
- Youth Information
- Parent Handbook
- Parent Guide

Resource – Child Find

- National Center for Homeless Education
1-800-308-2145
homeless@serve.org
www.serve.org/nche

SAMPLE

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

State Coordinator

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>

INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL-AGE YOUTH



IF YOU LIVE 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

You may qualify for certain rights and protections under the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

Eligible students 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 their preference.
 - * If the school district believes that the school selected is not in his/her best interest, then the district must provide the student with a written explanation of its position and inform the student of his/her right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.
- Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the students' needs.

If you believe you may be eligible, contact the local liaison to find out what services and supports may be available.




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SAMPLE



**TRYING TO GO TO COLLEGE?
LIVING ON YOUR OWN
WITHOUT STABLE HOUSING?**

Do you live in any of the following situations apart from your parents and with no financial support from them?

- In a shelter, motel, vehicle, or campground
- On the street, in an abandoned building, or in another inadequate space
- Doubled-up temporarily with other people because you have nowhere else to stay
- In the dorm, but with nowhere else to stay when the dorms close
- Supporting yourself, but on the verge of losing housing


If so, you may qualify as an independent student on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

This means that you don't have to include your parents' information on your FAFSA. Speak with any of the following persons to discuss your eligibility:

- The local homeless education liaison in your K-12 school district
- The director of a HUD-funded or Runaway and Homeless Youth Act-funded shelter where you have stayed or received services
- The financial aid administrator of the college where you are applying or where you attend

Local Contact Information

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NCHE publications are supported through a contract with the U.S. Department of Education's Office of Safe and Healthy Students. For more information, visit <https://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html>.

What You Need to Know to Help Your Child in School

A Guide for Parents, Guardians, and Caregivers

Local Liaison

State Coordinator for Homeless Education



If your family is in a temporary or inadequate living situation due to a loss of housing, your child might be eligible for certain educational rights and services.



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National Center for Homeless Education

Supporting the Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

SAMPLE: 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 school of origin (school 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 and inform you of your right to appeal its decision.
- Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if you request this and receive comparable educational services

Educational Placement
Homeless Student Parent Consultation Form

1. Name: _____
2. Age: _____ D.O.B. _____ Grade: _____ Classification status: Yes No
3. Parent / Guardian : _____
4. Address Temporary Residence : _____
5. Parent/Guardian Phone Number : _____
- ___ in a shelter ___ in another location that is not appropriate for people (abandoned building)
- ___ in a motel/ hotel ___Homes-adolescent mothers
- ___ in a car ___at a campsite
- ___ Transitional housing ___ Congregate shelters-domestic violence/runaway
- ___ Temporarily with more than one family in a house, mobile home, or apartment (because the family does not have a place of its own)
- ___ Other arrangements that are not fixed, regular and adequate and is not described above: _____

6. Name & Address District of Origin: _____
7. District of Origin school last attended: _____
8. Name/address most recent school attended: _____
9. District of origin responsible for tuition and transportation payment: _____

10. Placement: _____ (District of origin determined)
- A. () Return to his/her school of origin
- B. () Attend school of temporary address
- C. () Other: _____

Parent consultation:

I, the parent/guardian of the above named child, understand the district of origin will make the decision for placement based upon the best interest of my child and parent preference in consulting with me. The district of origin shall pay any necessary tuition or transportation fees. If I disagree with that decision, I know that I may appeal to the school of origin County Executive Superintendent of Schools.

Parent/Guardian **AGREES** with placement: Yes: _____ No: _____

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

District Liaison Signature: _____ Date: _____

Displaced Family Parent Information

1. **Register your child at the nearest school when experiencing homelessness and seeking housing in:**
 - Shelter •Hotel/Motel •Campsite •Car •Tents
 - Transitional housing •Housing for adolescent mothers
 - Abandoned building – not appropriate for occupation
 - Temporarily living with more than one family in a house, mobile home or apartment out of necessity of not having one's own home
 - Location not having collective: fixed, regular and adequate residence
 - Congregate shelters, including domestic violence and runaway shelters
2. **When possible at school registration produce the following (But not required) :**
 - School transfer card •Birth certificate •Health records
3. **Homeless children may attend school in one of three districts:**
 - The district of origin, which is the school your child was attending when you became homeless
 - The school district your child last attended
 - The school district where you are living temporarily
4. **School of attendance is determined by:**
 - Childs best interest
 - **Decision made by the school of origin- school attending before you became homeless in consultation with:**
 - Parent/guardian
 - Decision of school placement and enrollment must be made immediately
5. **Appeals:**
 - Appeals are made to the County Executive Superintendent of Schools where living before becoming homeless
6. **Transportation:**
 - Transportation provided by the district of student attendance
 - Transportation paid for by the district of origin
7. **Tuition:**
 - As necessary, district of origin provides tuition
 - Out of state homeless tuition reimbursed by the State of New Jersey
8. **School records:**
 - School staff shall assist in transferring school and health records
 - Entrance to school should not be delayed through lack of student records
9. **District homeless liaison:**
 - Each district has a homeless liaison that will be able to assist • **Liaison Name:** _____

Parent/guardian _____ Date received _____

- **Liaison responsibilities**

- **Child Find**

- **Written notice – parental rights**
- **Immediate school attendance**
- **Refer to support services**
- **District of origin communication - 24 hours**
- **Facilitate transportation**

- **Liaison responsibilities**

- **Inform District Staff**

- **Transportation**

- **Tuition**

- **Placement**

- **District of origin responsibility**
 - Education – homeless child
 - Placement determination
 - Cost – tuition and transportation

- **Homeless Student Registration**

- **Temporary residence**

- **Nearest school**

- **Parental rights provided**

- **Written notice at registration**

- **Parental rights**

- **Informed**

- Name of district homeless liaison
 - Available assistance

- **Notified**

- Registration procedures
 - School attendance options
 - Right to appeal
 - Transportation and tuition requirements
 - School record transfer assistance

- Registration materials helpful,
not required

- School transfer card

- Birth certificate

- Health records

School entrance should **not** be delayed

- **Lack of student records**
- **During appeal**

- **Appeals**

- **County Executive Superintendent of Schools**

- **Decision – 48 hours**

- **NJAC 6A:17**

- **District homeless liaison**
 - Assist parent in securing registration materials
 - Notification – District of origin within 24 hours

- **School attendance options**

- **District of origin**

- **District last attended**

- **District where living temporarily**

Attendance determination

District of Origin

Best interest: parent consultation

- **Parent – preference**
- **Considerations – travel time/programs**
- **Placement – without delay**

- **Transportation**

- Immediate – without delay

- District of Origin – pays

- District of Attendance may provide service – contractually

Must LEAs provide transportation to and from extracurricular activities for homeless student's?

- SEAs and LEAs have a broad, ongoing requirement to review policies or practices that may act as barriers to, among other things, the enrollment of homeless children and youths. (See, e.g., sections 721, 722(g)(1)(I)) Enrollment includes attending classes and “participating fully in school activities.” (Section 721(1)). The McKinney-Vento Act further emphasizes that homeless students must not face barriers to accessing extracurricular activities. (See section 722(g)(1)(F)(iii)).
- Therefore, to the extent that lack of access to transportation is a barrier to extracurricular activities for a particular student, an **LEA would be required to provide a student with transportation to or from extracurricular activities.**

- **Tuition**

- **District of Origin – pays**

- **Per diem reimbursement**

- **Out of state homeless student**

- **State tuition reimbursement**

- **One year of continuous residence in one community**
- **Responsibility of the district of temporary residence for educational purposes (tuition/transportation)**

Free and Reduced Meals

- **Categorical eligibility for homeless and unaccompanied youth**

Title I

- **Homeless reserve set-aside fund**
- **Permissible and non permissible uses**

Title 1 Part A

District Plans

- **Coordination - McKinney-Vento**
- **Service Description - Homeless**
- **Collaboration to:**
 - Increase program effectiveness
 - Eliminate duplication
 - Reduce instructional fragmentation

Title I Part A Set aside

- **Districts must set aside funds**
- **Homeless not attending Title 1 schools**
- **Comparable services**
- **Services - Not ordinarily provided**
- **Not - Available other sources**



Set-aside Determination

- Student need - Determines funding
- Homeless Title 1 - greater in scope and intensity or different in nature
- NJ - \$250 multiplied X homeless students
- Reserve set-aside

Acceptable Uses - Set-aside Funds

- **Educational support services in Shelters**
- **Services reasonable/necessary - to take advantage of educational opportunities**
- **Last resort - Funds/services not reasonably available from other sources**

Acceptable Set-aside Use

Transportation

- After school tutoring, parent-teacher night

Transportation formerly homeless

- Permanently housed complete academic year

USE OF TITLE I FUNDS

Outreach services

Basic needs

Counseling services

Supplemental instruction

Local liaison (see recent change)

Parental involvement programs

Research-based programs

Data collection

Clothing (i.e.--uniforms)

Clothing and shoes for PE

School supplies

Before/after school, and/or summer programs

Birth certificates

Immunizations

Food

Medical and dental services

Eyeglasses and hearing aids

School fees for classes

Fees for AP and IB testing

Fees for SAT and ACT testing

GED testing for school age students

Transportation

Prohibited Uses of Set-aside Funds

- **Parent's rent**
- **Parent's utilities bills**
- **Clothing for parent**
- **Graduation cap, gown, ring**
- **Yearbook fees**

Mandatory Reporting and District Funding

- **NJSMART 3 x per year**
- **ASSA 1 x per year**
- **District Attendance/Registration**

New Jersey

- NJ Family Crisis Law N.J.A.C. 6A: 22-3.2(h)

Domestic Violence

Sexual Abuse

Death of Parent/Guardian

Fire/Flood/Flood/Hurricane

Permitted- Remainder school year without tuition

Not homeless

New Jersey

- NJ Terrorism Law N.J.S.A. 18A: 7B-12.3

Two Years – District of Residence

- Not Homeless

- **Out of State DOE reimbursement**

- **Reimbursement form submitted to:**

- State – EWEG

- **Out of State reimbursement form:**

- NJDOE Homeroom

- State Responsible Homeless Tuition

NJ Dept. of Education reimbursement

- When the student leaves the district
- Finds permanent housing
- End of the school year

~~WHICHEVER COMES FIRST~~

CST Classified/Homeless

District Temporary Residence

- Provide CST / IEP Service
- Makes all IEP Determinations with Parent

6A:14-4.1(g)

6A:17-2.5 (e)

Shelters/Transitional Living

One Year - shelter/transitional living

- **State Fiscally Responsible**

Example (One Year)

- **District of Origin bills District of Shelter for transportation /tuition**
(if student remained in district of origin)
- **School District of Shelter submits for State Tuition Reimbursement**

Service Responsibilities

Flow Chart Responsibilities

- Registrar
- Guidance Counselor / Designee
- District Homeless Liaison
- Registration Form

Registrar Responsibilities

- **Assessment form (A)**
- **Request records**
- **Provide Parental Rights (B)**
- **Transmit information**

Guidance Counselor / Designee Responsibilities

District Internal Student

- **Eligibility /Residency (E)**
- **Residency Information (F)**
- **Provide Rights (B)**
- **Transmit Information**

District Homeless Liaison **Responsibilities**

Inform Administration

- **Enrollment**
- **Tuition**
- **Transportation**

District Homeless Liaison **Responsibilities**

- **Request Services (H)**
- **Request School Supplies (I)**
- **Monitor Service Introduction**
- **Monitor / Request Out-of-State Tuition**
- **Post Rights / Notices**

District Homeless Liaison **Responsibilities**

Distribute for completion

- **Tuition Determination worksheet (G)**
- **District Tuition Notification letter (J)**

National Center for Homeless Education

- homeless@serve.org
- <http://nche.ed.gov>
- **1-800-308-2145**

National Center for Homeless Education

Posters – School / Community

- **Parent Information**
- **Youth Information**
- **College Information**

Thank

You