

## Mason County Eastern Schools – McKinney Vento Program

**Self-Identification Form** for students & families out of their homes after July 1, 2017. The purpose of this information is to ensure the rights of children & youth under McKinney-Vento law.

**Do you or your family live in any of these situations? Please check all that apply.**

- Lost your home to foreclosure, eviction, domestic violence, fire, etc.?
- In a shelter: family, domestic violence, church?
- Temporary housing or voucher program?
- Doubled up; staying with friends or relatives because you cannot afford housing?
- In a motel, hotel, or weekly rate housing?
- In an abandoned building, tent, car, or other inadequate accommodation/space?
- Unsheltered?
- "Out on the street"?
- Couch surfing?
- Child/Youth staying with friends or relatives because you are out of the house & on your own?
- Child/Youth staying with friends or family instead of with parents?
- At risk of homelessness?
- Other?
- Yes, I am/we are currently living in one of these situations.
- I just want to talk about the possibilities.....

**We/I am currently staying at (address):** \_\_\_\_\_

The following children should be given the rights listed below.

List additional names on back of this form if necessary

Student Name	Date of Birth	/	Grade	/	School

\_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature: Parent/Guardian or Unaccompanied Youth (Please list phone number so the McKinney-Vento Liaison may contact you.)**

**McKinney-Vento eligible children and youth have the right to:**

- Continue in the school they attended before they became homeless or the school the student was last enrolled (School of Origin), if feasible, and receive comparable transportation services to that school.
- Immediate enrollment in school without giving a permanent address, and attend classes while the school arranges for a school transfer, immunization records, or other documents required for enrollment.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served these programs. (Free school meals, Title 1, Special Education, etc.).
- Rights and protections specifically for unaccompanied youth (youth who are not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) who are experiencing homelessness, including immediate enrollment without proof of guardianship.
- Have enrollment disputes quickly addressed.
- The appointment of a local homeless education liaison in every school district or local education agency (LEA) to ensure the homeless children and youth are identified and given full and equal access to all educational services for which they are eligible in order to succeed in school.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Act & Mason County Eastern School District assures these educational rights for students living in homeless situations. This information is confidential and will be in effect throughout the remainder of the current school year.

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