

2024-2025

# Homeless Procedures Education of Homeless Children and Youth

#### EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Homeless students in the district will have access to the education and other services needed to ensure that an opportunity is available to meet the same academic achievement standards to which all students are held. A liaison for students in homeless situations will be designated by the district to carry out duties as required by law.

The district will ensure that homeless students are not stigmatized nor segregated on the basis of their status as homeless. A homeless student will be admitted to the district school in the attendance area in which the student is actually living or to the student's school of origin as requested by the parent and in accordance with the student's best interest. Transportation will be provided to and from the student's school of origin at the request of the parent, or in the case of an unaccompanied student, the district's liaison for homeless students, provided no state law is violated.

The superintendent or designee will produce written guidelines for distribution to each school that explains the rights of homeless students and the responsibilities of the schools to meet their needs and eliminate barriers to school attendance. This information shall also be disseminated in writing and by other means designed to raise awareness of these rights and responsibilities to staff, homeless families and students, the public, and homeless service providers.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

For the purposes of this policy, children are deemed to be homeless under the following conditions:

A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and

#### B. Includes

- 1. children and youth who are sharing the housing of others 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; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- 2. children and youth 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;
- 3. children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- 4. children and youth who are migratory children who live in one of the above circumstances

#### **EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS**

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, children in homeless situations have the right to:

- ➤ Go to school, no matter where they live or how long they have lived there
- Attend either the local school or the school of origin, if this is in their best interest; the school of origin is the school the child attended when he/she was permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled.
- > Receive transportation to and from the school of origin.
- ➤ Enroll in school immediately, even if missing records and documents normally required for enrollment such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization/medical records.
- Enroll, attend classes, and participate fully in all school activities while the school arranges for the transfer of records.
- ➤ Have access to the same programs and services that are available to all other students including transportation and supplemental education services.

Attend school with children not experiencing homelessness; segregation based on a student's status as homeless is prohibited

#### **SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED**

- 1. Pursuant to and in compliance with the requirements of the Stewart B. McKinney Homeless Assistance Act of 1990, 42USC11431, it shall be the policy of this school district, to the extent practicable under requirements relating to education established by state law, that each eligible child of a homeless individual and each eligible homeless youth will have access to a free appropriate education comparable to the education provided the children of district residents who are non-homeless, without isolation or stigma.
- 2. The placement of an eligible homeless child or youth will be made according to Policy JBCCA Assignment of Pupils, and will take into consideration the best interests of the homeless child or youth and placement requests made by a parent.
- 3. The choice of placement in either the "school of origin" or the school serving the "place of abode" will take place regardless of whether the child or youth is living with the homeless parent(s) or has been temporarily placed elsewhere by the parent(s).
- 4. Provided the homeless child or youth meets eligibility criteria, he/she will be provided transportation services; compensatory education programs for the disadvantaged; educational programs for the handicapped and for students with limited English proficiency; programs in vocational education; programs for the gifted and talented; and school meals programs.
- 5. Any and all records ordinarily kept by this school district, including immunization records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, evaluations for special

services and programs shall be kept on homeless children and youth and shall be forwarded in a timely fashion should a child or youth enter a new school or school district; and in a manner consistent with S1232g of Title 20.

- 6. Should this school district receive assistance un S11432 of the Act, it shall coordinate with local social service agencies and other agencies or programs providing services to such children or youth and their families.
- 7. Should this school district receive assistance under S11432 of the Act, it shall designate a homelessness liaison to insure that homeless children and youth enroll in and succeed in the schools of their district; and, homeless families, children and youth receive educational services for which they are eligible, and referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health services, and other appropriate services.
- 8. The homelessness liaison shall inform school personnel, service providers and advocates working with homeless families of the duties of the liaison.
- 9. This school district has and will continue to review and revise, to the extent practicable under the requirements relating to education established by state law, any policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment of homeless children and youth in schools selected in accordance with paragraphs 2, 3 and 4 above.
- 10. In reviewing and revising such policies, to the extent practicable under the requirements relating to education established by state law, consideration shall be given to issues concerning transportation, requirements of immunization, residency, birth certificates, school records, or other documentation and guardianship.
- 11. Disputes which may arise regarding the assignment of a homeless child or youth will be promptly resolved according to the provisions of Policy JBCCA Assignment of Pupils. Other issues or disputes will be directed to the attention of the school official responsible for that particular matter for prompt resolution. If this dispute cannot be resolved locally, any aggrieved party may make written request for a review of the matter to:

Coordinator of the Homeless Program Mississippi Department of Education P. O. Box 771 Jackson, MS 39205

# McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program Flowchart

 If a parent, guardian, or caregiver comes to enroll their child(ren) at school and states they are homeless, have the parent, guardian, or caregiver complete the McKinney-Vento Statement of Initial Contact (MV1), and if they are missing documentation have them to complete the Missing Enrollment Documentation form (MV2).

OR

If you are made aware of a student in a housing situation that may qualify for homeless, the counselor or Person referring student will complete the **McKinney-Vento Statement of Initial Contact (MV1)**.

- 2. The Counselor or Person referring student will complete the **Student Identification for Referral** and Eligibility Form (MV3).
- 3. The Counselor or Person referring student will send both the McKinney-Vento Statement of Initial Contact (MV1), Student Identification for Referral and Eligibility (MV3), and Missing Enrollment Documentation Form (MV2) (if applicable) to the Federal Programs Director.
- 4. The District Homeless Liaison will send a **McKinney-Vento Student Referral Letter (MV4)** home to the parents, guardians, or caregivers of the referred student.
- 5. The District Homeless Liaison will complete a **Parent Interview (MV5)** prior to determination of eligibility.
- 6. The District Homeless Liaison will send a **School Notification of McKinney-Vento Eligibility** (MV6)(a) or (MV6)(b) to the school counselor.
- 7. The District Homeless Liaison will send **Parent Notification of McKinney-Vento Eligibility (MV7)** and supporting resources to the parent, guardian, or caregiver of the referred child.

Supporting Resources eligible students

- Parent Information Letter (MV8)
- McKinney-Vento Brochure
- List of Local Agencies

Supporting Resources non-eligible students

- Dispute Procedures
- 8. The following forms will be completed on each Homeless student:
  - Homeless Services and Barrier (MV9)
  - Student Observation (MV10) (1 each nine weeks)
  - McKinney- Vento Student Academic Portfolio (MV11)



# McKinney-Vento Statement of Initial Contact

Please provide a brief statement regarding your special situation for enrolling the student under the McKinney-Vento Act.

#### Examples:

- The student is in my care and not with a legal parent or guardian because....
- I do not have permanent housing in my name because....
   I am living with a relative or friend because

• I am nying with a relative of it	tend because	
List the name(s) and grade(s) of the	student(s) you are enrolling/referring.	•
Student Name(s)	Grade(s)	
	<u>—</u>	
	<del></del>	
	<del></del>	
Signature	Date	



#### **McKinney-Vento Missing Enrollment Documentation**

(Only complete if a student is registering with missing documentation)

Stu	ıdent Name:	
Na	me of Person Completing Form:	
Re	lationship to Student:	
Sc	hool District/Building:	_
Inc	licate which documents are missi	ng:
	Proof of residency	Immunization record(s)
	Proof of guardianship	School physical/health record(s)
	Proof of identity	School record(s)
	Birth certificate	Other (please describe below)
doo Ve bar thi	cuments checked above that are rento Homeless Assistance Act (P.) rriers to the enrollment of student	e questions because you are unable to provide the enrollment equired for enrollment. In accordance with the McKinney-L. 107-110), states and localities are required to address is meeting the definition of "homeless". Your completion of alment of your child(ren) (or of your own enrollment if you
1.	What is your full name? (name of	of person completing form)
2.	Please list the name, age, date of	birth, and birthplace of the students being enrolled.
3.		legal adoption, legal guardians, or persons having legal

caregivers, social workers, etc.)				
MV2(1 of 2)  4. Do you have legal custody imposed by a court order or have you been designated as a court-appointed guardian for the student(s) being enrolled?				
5. Do you have your custody documentation?				
6. Where is (are) the student(s) currently living? Include the address and type of housing.				
6. Why are you unable to present a copy of the checked items?				
7. In order to help the school district locate missing information for each of the students enrolling, please give the following information:				
Last school attended (name of school, city or county, and state):				
Clinic or medical facility where immunizations or medical treatment was received (name of facility, city or county, and state):				
Signature of Person Completing Form  Date				



#### Title X Part C McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Education for Homeless Children and Youth Program

# Student Identification for Referral and Eligibility Form

School:	hool:Referral Date:Person making referral:					
Section 1. Studen	t Information – Fill in c	all blanks, ij	f possible.			
Student's Name:_				MSIS #		
Current Age:	Current Grade:	Sex:	Race:	Unaccompanied Youth:	Yes	No
Parent's / Guardia	n's/ Caregiver's Name:			Caregiver:	Yes	No
Mailing Address:						
Home Phone #:			Work Phone #			
Child do	es not reside with a pare	ent or legal g		d.		
(lacks o	esides in substandard ho or has inadequate utilities guardians are migrant w	s, excessive	holes in floors,	cardboard walls, mold, mildew, o	etc.)	
Child / f	amily resides in tempora	ary shelter or		ouse, eviction, etc.)		
	amily resides with relation, housing, or other income					
	amily resides in non-/sulents, vehicles, abandone			n the streets."		
	amily has a primary nigl ters, transitional housing		•	vised publicly / privately operated, etc.)	d shelter.	
	guardian in placement o ail / prison, mentally ill		on.			
Other (n	leace specify)					



# McKinney-Vento Student Referral Letter

Date:
Dear Parent or Guardian:
Your child,, who is enrolled at, was referred to my office to determine eligibility for assistance under the McKinney-Vento Act. Your child may be eligible for assistance under this program.
Under the McKinney-Vento Act, the following services are available for your child.
<ul> <li>Transportation to and from school</li> <li>School fees for activities, fieldtrips, and other school related fees</li> <li>Basic school materials and clothing</li> <li>Academic tutoring</li> <li>School breakfast and lunch with no charge</li> <li>Assistance for parent or guardian in getting documents for enrollment</li> <li>Referral to other service agencies</li> <li>Immediate enrollment in the school they last attended or the local school where they are currently staying even if they do not have all of the documents normally required at the time of enrollment without fear of being separated or treated differently due to their housing situations;</li> <li>Although you may attain permanent housing within 12 months, your child is protected under the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act for the academic school year that he or she is eligible for services.</li> </ul>
In order to complete your paperwork to determine your eligibility, please call me at (662) 244-5062. Thank you very much.
Sincerely,
Christina Shumpert Homeless Liaison



#### McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Education for Homeless Children and Youth

# McKinney-Vento School Eligibility Notification

Date:	
School:	
The following homeless student referral h school year.	as been reviewed and is approved for the 2024-2025
Student Name	MSIS Number
Once you receive this notification, please	turn on the homeless indicator in SAMs.
Thank you for your assistance,	
Christina Shumpert, Homeless Liaison	Dr. Kristie Jones, Federal ProgramsDirector

Homeless Liaison Use Only

MV6(a)



#### McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Education for Homeless Children and Youth

# McKinney-Vento School Eligibility Notification

Date:	
School:	
The following homeless student referral h McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Pr	has been reviewed and is <i>not approved</i> for the rogram.
Student Name	MSIS Number
Thank you for your assistance,	
Christina Shumpert, Homeless Liaison	Dr. Kristie Jones, Federal Programs Director

Homeless Liaison Use Only

MV6(b)



# Parent Notification for McKinney-Vento Eligibility

Referral Date:	Referred by:	
Parent/Guardian Name:		
Address (if applicable):		
Student Name:	Grade:	School:
Your child <i>does</i> meet the qual services provided under this Act. Enclovento Act, a list of Agencies, and a broad		
Your child <i>does not</i> meet the deligible for services provided under this		McKinney-Vento Act and is not
You have the right to appeal this decisi	ion by contacting the	District's Homeless Liaison. Appeal

You have the right to appeal this decision by contacting the District's Homeless Liaison. Appeal forms are available upon request. Enclosed are the Homeless Education Dispute Resolution procedures.

Christina Shumpert Homeless Liaison 662-244-5062

#### In addition:

- The student listed above has the right to enroll immediately in the requested school pending the resolution of the dispute.
- You may provide written or verbal communication(s) to support your position regarding the student's enrollment in the requested school. You may use the form attached to this notification.
- You may contact the State Coordinator for Homeless Education if further help is needed or desired. Contact information for the State Coordinator: 601-359-3499

MV7



#### **McKinney-Vento Parent Information Letter**

#### Dear Parent/Guardian:

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Program was designed to ensure that all homeless children and youth have equal access to the same free and appropriate public education as children and youth who are not homeless. This includes preschool education.

#### Your child has the right to:

- Go to school, no matter where you live or how long you have lived there;
- Stay in the school that he or she was attending before becoming homeless or the school he or she last attended, if that is your choice and it is feasible;
- If your child is assigned to a school not of your choosing, the school district must explain its decision in writing. You have the right to appeal the district's decision regarding the school to which your child has been assigned. Your child has the right to go to the school of your choice while the dispute is being resolved.
- Transportation to and from school
- School fees for activities, fieldtrips, and other school related fees
- Basic school materials and clothing
- Academic tutoring
- School breakfast and lunch with no charge
- Assistance for parent or guardian in getting documents for enrollment
- Referral to other service agencies
- Although you may attain permanent housing within 12 months, your child is protected under the McKinney-Vento Assistance Act for the academic school year that he or she is eligible for services.

#### You can help your child by:

- Making sure your child attends school every day;
- Reading to your child; even a few minutes a day makes a difference;
- Making education a family priority.
- Helping your child develop good study habits;
- Meeting with your child's teachers and other school personnel.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Christina Shumpert Homeless Liaison 662-244-5062

MV8



#### **Homeless Services and Barrier Form**

Date:	
Grade:	

Complete this form for all students referred as homeless. Check **only Services** and **Barriers** that apply to this student. Forward this form to **District Homeless Liaison**.

# Services

\*Check **ALL** that apply

1. Addressing need related to domestic violence
2. Assistance with participation in school programs
3. Before, after school, mentoring summer programs
 4. Clothing to meet school requirements
5. Coordination between schools and agencies
6. Counseling
7. Early childhood programs
8. Emergency assistance related to school attendance
9. Expedited evaluations

10. Obtaining or transferring records necessary for enrollment
11. Parent education related to rights and resources for children
12. Referrals for medical, dental, and other health services
13. Referral to other programs and services
14. School supplies
15. Staff and professional development and awareness
16. Transportation
17. Tutoring and other instructional support

#### **Barriers**

\*Check ALL that apply

	1. Eligibility for homeless services	5. School records
2. Immunizations		6. School selection
3. Other barriers		7. Transportation
	4. Other medical records	

MV9



#### McKinney-Vento Student Academic Portfolio

Student Name:	ne:Gra		rade:	
School:	School Year:	Eligibility Date:		

#### **ATTENDANCE**

	Excused Absences	Unexcused Absences	Tardy
1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks			
2 <sup>nd</sup> Nine Weeks			
3 <sup>rd</sup> Nine Weeks			
4 <sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks			
Total			

\*See Attachments for Grade Reports

#### Federally Declared Disaster: Parent Certification Form

This document is intended to identify student(s) who have been displaced due to recent weather events and to serve as acknowledgement of enrollment in a new school by the parent or legal guardian of the student. Parents must still complete the new school's enrollment procedures to the extent possible.

Entering School:		<u></u>
Student Information		
Student Name:		
Student Date of Birth:	2021-22 Grade:	
Student would have otherwise at	ttended the following school for the 2021-2	2022 school year:
Name of the school:		
Address of the school (county/cit	ty and state):	
Has the student previously been	enrolled in the school above? (Y/N)	
Certification		
seeking enrollment at my child's	of the student above, I acknowledge that I was made aware of cordinator (601-359-3499) for further assis	the Mississippi Department
I certify the information provided knowledge.	d on this document is true and correct and	of my own personal
Signature:	Printed Name:	Date:
Address/Current Location:		
Telephone: ()	Alternative Telephone ()	
For Office Use Only Information Verified by:		
(print):	(signature)	Date:



#### Dispute Resolution Form – School

School Name:					
School Address:		Phone: _	Fax	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Student's Name:			_I.D. #:		Grade:
Current Address:			Cur	rent Phone:	
Parent/Guardian/Complai	ning Party's	s Name:			
Relationship:_Parent_Gua	ırdian_Una	accompanied You	ıth_Other:	:	
Current Address:			_Current Pl	hone:	
Lives in a Shelter?_Yes_N	<b>V</b> o				
Name of school that parer to/from until dispute is res			Ţ.		-
Is the school of origin*?_	Yes	No			
*School of Origin means	the school	l that the child a	ttended w	hen permane	ntly housed or
the school in which the c	hild was la	st enrolled.			
If no, from which school	was the stud	dent transferred?			
Reason for the Complaint	:				
Signature of parent/quardi	ion/oomnlo	ining porty			Datas
Signature of parent/guardi					Date:
Principal's Actions on the	_		·· · · · · ·	1	
Taken within scho	•	_		•	
Date District Homeless Li			spute:		
Action taken by principal	to resolve t	the dispute:			
Was the dispute resolved?	Yes	No Date:			
Explanation:					



# **Dispute Resolution Form – District**

Student's Name:	I.D. #:		Grade:
School Name:			
District's Action On Complaint Taken withinschool days after	er receiving notice of th	e complaii	nt.
Did the District Homeless Liaison re	esolve this dispute?	Yes	No
If dispute was resolved: describe the dispute to the satisfaction of parent/g	<u> </u>	omeless Li	aison to resolve the
If dispute was <b>not</b> resolved to the sat Homeless Liaison convened a meeting meeting:	-	-	
Action taken by the school district to	o resolve the dispute (if	necessary)	):
Was the dispute resolved?Yes	sNo Date:		<u></u>
Explanation:			



# **Homeless Student Rights**

# **Verification Sheet**

Stud	ent's Name	School
Grad	le	School Year
Scho	ol Enrollment Designee's Name	
	Student was given their right.	•
		s signature
	Date	
	implement an Academic Plar Student's signature	ol/Academic Counselor to collaborate and n or Career Plan (High School Student) s signature
	Student was notified of their Enrollee)	right to file independently on the FAFSA (College
		signature
	Date	



#### **McKinney-Vento Parent Interview**

This form is intended to address the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Act. The questions below are to assist in determining if the student meets the eligibility criteria for services provided under the McKinney-Vento Act.

Date:		
School:		
Student's Name:		Date of Birth:
MSIS #	Grade:	Age:
Parent's/Guardian's/Care	giver's Name:	
Address:		Phone Number:
Is this address Temporar	y or Permanent? (circle one	*)
Where does the studen	t reside / sleep at night?	(Check all that apply.)
Temporarily with notes not have a plus in a shelter In a motel/hotel In a car At a campsite In another location	that is not appropriate for pethat is not fixed, regular, and	use, mobile home, or apartment (because the family cople (e.g., an abandoned building)
If you are living in share	d housing, please check all	of the following reasons that apply:
	ng for house or apartment a family member iend/girlfriend ent s deployed	

Are you a student under the age of 18 and living apart from your parents or guardians? Yes / No List the name, grade, and clothing size(s) of the student(s) you are enrolling:

Student Name(s)	Grade	Shirt Size	Pant Size	Shoe Size
List the name(s), age(s), and	Birthdate(s) of a	nv preschool aae	ed children laa	IP 3-41
Child's Name	Age		a omaren (ag	,c 3 <del>4</del> /
Child's Name	Age	Birth Date		ic 3 4)
Child's Name	Age 			ic 3 <del>-</del>
Child's Name	Age			ic 3 +y



#### **Student Observation Form**

da	t's Name:	leacher:	Data	School:
ide:		rading Period:	Date:	
Α.	Subject Observed:			
	Reading	Mathematics	Physical Education	Art/Music/Careers
		Science		Free Time
	Writing			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
В.	Instructional Technique	es:		
	Whole class		Hands-on ac	tivities
	Small group	Cooperative learning	Pencil/paper	
	One-to-one	Team teaching		ag (SSR)
	Independent	Student lead instruction	on Technology-	driven
		ies used		
C.	<b>Student Academics:</b>			
	Comprehends orally	Poor handwri	ting	Disorganized work habits
	Reversal of letters	Difficulty co	oying from board	Understands current instruct
	Limited word ident	ificationPoor math ca	lculation	Difficulty with facts/details
	Struggling with flue	encyWeak phonic		Difficulty in oral expression
	Difficulty with pass	ageCommunicate	es well	Weak phonemic awareness
	comprehension	Limited prob	lem-solving skills	
	Other academic obse	rvations		
D	Student Behaviors:			
υ.	Attentive to task	Difficulty co	nying from board	Withdrawn
	Sits quietly	Demands exc		Talks out of turn
	Sits quietryConstantly out of se		——————————————————————————————————————	Cooperative
	Easily distracted	Aggressive to	——————————————————————————————————————	Ooperative Displays leadership qualitie
	Avoids groups			
	Overactive – restles		o class discussion	Disruptive Friendly
	Overactive = resties	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	·	
	I anks excessivelyImmature behaviors	Trouble findi	~ ·	Avoids eye contactWorks well independently
	Other academic obs	ervations		