

EDUCATION FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH PROGRAM
MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT
PLEASE PRINT

DISTRICT/SCHOOL _____ DATE _____

STUDENTS NAME _____ M F
(Last Name) (First Name) (Middle Initial)

STUDENTS DATE OF BIRTH _____ GRADE LEVEL _____
(Month) (Day) (Year)

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____ UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH _____
(Last Name) (First Name) (M.I.)

ADDRESS _____ TELEPHONE NUMBER (_____) _____

RACE/ETHNICITY White Black Hispanic Asian/Pacific Islander American Indian/Alaskan Nat. Multi-Racial/Ethnic

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

Complete only if it shows (1) your child's current living situation; or (2) your living situation if you are a youth not living with a parent or guardian. Check the appropriate box:

- in a shelter with relatives or others due to lack of housing at a train or bus station, park, or in a car
 in a motel/hotel, camping ground, or other similar situation due to the lack of alternative, adequate housing
 in abandoned apartment/building temporarily housed in shelter awaiting DCFS permanent foster care placement
 other _____ Disaster victim? Explain _____

Is there a current Order of Protection or No Contact order which concerns this student: Yes No

Last school attended: _____

Eligible for any of these educational and school related activities and services?

- Special Education (IDEA) English Language Learners (ELL) Gifted and Talented Vocational Education
 Other _____

Possible Barriers to Education

- School Selection Transportation School Records Immunizations or other medical records
 Other issues/barriers _____

Proposed Services and Activities to be Provided by McKinney-Vento

- Tutoring or other instructional support Expedited evaluations Staff professional development/awareness
 Referrals for medical, dental, and other health services Transportation Early childhood programs
 Assistance with participation in school programs Before/after-school, mentoring, summer programs
 Obtaining or transferring records necessary for enrollment Parent education related to rights/resources
 Coordination between schools and agencies Counseling Addressing needs related to domestic violence
 Clothing to meet a school requirement School supplies Referral to other programs and services
 Emergency assistance related to school attendance Other _____

COMMENTS _____

To the best of my knowledge, the information in this document is accurate:

Print Name & Title of Person completing form _____

LEA/Agency _____ Date _____

Signature _____

RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS

The school district shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every homeless student shall have equal access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of homeless children, youth, and youth not living with a parent or guardian, applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

A student is considered “*homeless*” if he or she is presently living:

- in a shelter * sharing housing with relatives or others due to lack of housing
- in a motel/hotel, camping ground, or similar situation due to lack of alternative, adequate housing
- at a train or bus station, park, or in a car * in an abandoned building
- temporarily housed while awaiting DCFS foster care placement

All Homeless Students Have Rights To:

- **Immediate school enrollment.** *A school must immediately enroll students even if they lack health, immunization or school records, proof of guardianship, or proof of residency.*
- **Enroll in:**
 - the school he/she attended when permanently housed (school of origin)
 - the school in which he/she was last enrolled (school of origin)
 - any school that non-homeless students living in the same attendance area in which the homeless child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.
- **Remain** enrolled in his/her selected school for as long as he/she remains homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.
- **Priority** in certain preschool programs.
- **Participate** in a tutorial-instructional support program, school-related activities, and/or receive other support services.
- **Obtain** information regarding how to get fee waivers, free uniforms, and low-cost or free medical referrals.
- **Transportation services:** A homeless student attending his/her school of origin has a right to transportation to go to and from the school of origin as long as (s)he is homeless or, if the student becomes permanently housed, until the end of the academic year.

Dispute Resolution: If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a complaint with the school district. The school district must respond and attempt to resolve it quickly. The school district must refer you to free and low cost legal services to help you, if you wish. During the dispute, the student must be immediately enrolled in the school and provided transportation until the matter is resolved. Every Muscogee County Public School has a Homeless Education Program Liaison who will assist you in making enrollment and placement decisions, providing notice of any appeal process, and filling out dispute forms.

If you have questions about enrollment in school, or want more information about the rights of homeless students in Muscogee County School District, contact Columbus Roberts Center, Students Support Services, Homeless Education at (706) 748-2207.