

KENT SCHOOL DISTRICT
McKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT FORM

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Parent or Guardian:

In an effort to strengthen educational support for students who find themselves and their families in temporary homeless circumstances, the U.S. Federal Government has passed the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431). If you currently find yourself in any of the situations described below, your child(ren) is/are entitled to assistance so that their schooling can continue during this challenging time. Please complete the request for information form below and return it to the school that your child(ren) is/are currently attending. The District Liaison will contact you.

It is important for you to know:

- The information you provide will be treated confidentially.
- The information you provide will be used to ensure that your child(ren) benefit from the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

According to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 11431:

The term "homeless children and youth" means:

- (i) individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and includes children and youth who are sharing the housing of other persons 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 accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- (ii) 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;
- (iii) Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- (iv) Migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because they are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

Request for Information about the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

My family currently fits one or more of the above definitions. Please contact me by:

- ☐ Phone: _____
- ☐ Email: _____
- ☐ Note sent through school

Name(s) of Child(ren): _____

Grade: _____

School they are currently attending: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Return this form to the school your child currently attends.

School Use Only: Return the completed form to the Kent School District Office, Student Services, Homeless Liaison.