

STUDENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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FOCUS: MCKINNEY- VENTO ACT – HOMELESS EDUCATION
STUDENT HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

***Definition of Homelessness:** Children and youth (Pre-K-12) experiencing homelessness are those who lack a fixed, regular and adequate nighttime residence. This includes sharing the housing of other persons “doubled up” due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar situation; living in motels, hotels, trailer parks or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; living in emergency or transitional shelters; abandoned in hospitals; living in a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings; living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings. Migratory children and youth living in circumstance described above also qualify for McKinney-Vento Homeless Education services.*

WHAT IS NEW FOR 2017-2018?

- A Student Housing Questionnaire (SHQ) will be implemented to ensure optimal identification of students eligible for Homeless Education services. Pursuant to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act of 2001 (amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015), the District is required to identify children and youth (PreK-12) experiencing homelessness as defined under the federal law.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO?

- Every school shall include the SHQ within the standard student enrollment packet.
- Bulk copies of the SHQ (in English, Spanish and Haitian Creole) will be delivered to your school.
- Provide an SHQ to every student **the first week of school** for completion by a parent or guardian. In the case of an unaccompanied youth who does not live with a parent or legal guardian, he/she may complete and return the form on their own behalf.
- Request that students return the SHQ within the first two weeks of school.
- Collect all completed forms on a daily basis, place in a confidential envelope and address it to HEART, Room 313, Lauderdale Manors Early Learning & Family Resource Center.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF YOU DON'T?

- Failure to identify and offer Homeless Education services to ensure educational stability is a violation of federal law. The District may be cited for non-compliance.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education and Homeless Education Assistance Resource Team (HEART) information will be provided electronically to every assigned Homeless Designee and other pertinent staff.

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