

HOUSING QUESTIONNAIRE

Parent/Guardian/Student:

This form is intended to address the McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11435, and must be completed for each student. **The information you provide is confidential.** Your child will not be discriminated against based upon the information provided.

Please complete the following questions regarding the student's housing in order to help determine services the student may be eligible to receive.

Note to Schools/Temporary Housing Liaisons: Please assist students and families in filling out this form. Do not simply include this form in the registration packet, because if the student qualifies as residing in temporary housing, **the student is not required to submit proof of residency** and other required documents that may be part of the registration packet. The district cannot disclose housing status information without parental consent.

Student Name			
Last	First	Middle	
OSIS #	Date of Birth (MM/DD/YY)	Gender	School
			JOHN ADAMS HIGH SCHOOL

Please identify the student's current living arrangements. Please check one box:

Check (v)	Housing Questionnaire Choice	School Use Only
		ATS Code
<input type="checkbox"/>	Doubled Up With another family or other person because of loss of housing or as a result of economic hardship	D
<input type="checkbox"/>	Shelter Emergency or transitional shelter	S
<input type="checkbox"/>	Hotel/Motel Living in what is NOT an emergency or transitional shelter and involves payment	H
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other Temporary Living Situation Trailer park, campground, car, park, public places, abandoned building, street, or any other inadequate living space	T
<input type="checkbox"/>	Permanent Housing Student who is living in a fixed, regular, and adequate housing situation	P

If the student is NOT living in permanent housing, also indicate if the below applies:

	School Use Only
<input type="checkbox"/> Unaccompanied Youth Youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian	Enter "Y" if applicable

 Parent/Guardian (print)

 Parent/Guardian Signature

 Date

Please return this form to your child's school as requested.

Note: The answer you give above will help determine what services you or your child may be eligible to receive under the McKinney-Vento Act. Students who are protected under the Act are entitled to immediate enrollment in school even if they do not have the documents normally needed, such as proof of residency, school records, immunization records, or birth certificate. After the student has been enrolled, the new school must contact the last school attended to request the student's educational records, including immunization records, and Students in Temporary Housing (STH). Liaison(s) must help the student get any other necessary documents or immunizations. Students who are protected under the McKinney-Vento Act may also be entitled to free transportation and other services. Please refer to Chancellor's Regulation A-780.

This form is accompanied by a one-page attachment titled,
"McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act – Students in Temporary Housing Guide for Parents & Youth".



McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Students in Temporary Housing Guide for Parents & Youth

TOPIC	IMPORTANT INFORMATION
<p>Children living in the following situations are considered homeless for the purposes of education rights under the McKinney-Vento Act:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> In a shelter, transitional shelter, motel, campground, abandoned in a hospital, or awaiting foster care placement. In a car, park, public place, bus, train or abandoned building. Doubled up with friends or relatives because you cannot find or afford housing.
<p>Unaccompanied Youth</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and who meets the definition of homelessness set forth in the explanation above. <p><i>Unaccompanied homeless youth have the same rights as homeless students who reside with a parent or guardian.</i></p>
<p>Students who fall under the McKinney-Vento Act's definition of homeless have the following rights:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To a free public education. To immediate enrollment in the zoned school. To attend school no matter how long they have lived at their current location. To stay in their school of origin (school attended before becoming homeless or the last school attended) or choose to attend their new zoned school. To transportation services to and from school. To not be denied immediate school enrollment just because of their situation or because they lack enrollment documentation. To not be separated from the regular school program because they are homeless. To receive free school meals.
<p>Important information:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Office of Safety and Youth Development (OSYD) has at least one Student in Temporary Housing (STH) Content Expert in each borough who serves as the STH liaison and manages programs and services designed to help children who are homeless pursue their education. The STH Content Expert supervises a team of Family Assistants. Each Children First Network (CFN) has a designated Youth Development liaison available to assist children who are homeless with their educational needs and provide support to the schools in the network. Additionally, District 75 and District 79 each have a designated STH liaison available to assist children who are homeless with their educational needs. Family Assistants are located at shelters and in some schools. They are responsible for assisting homeless parents and their children with their educational needs. Family Assistants are available to assist the child's parent/guardian with school enrollment, obtaining immunizations, school records, and arranging transportation to and from school. School staff should not hesitate to contact their STH liaison for individual questions, to arrange training, or to assist unaccompanied youth.
<p>School Selection:</p>	<p>Schools must allow parents/guardians to choose the child's school when their child is homeless. The parent/guardian may choose among the following:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The school the child attended when permanently housed (school of origin); The school in which the student was last enrolled; or Any school available to a permanently housed child residing in the area where the homeless student is currently residing.
<p>School Enrollment: (Apply only if your child is not currently enrolled or you want to change school)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Elementary School – register your child at your zoned school. If you are currently residing in a NYC Department of Homeless Services shelter, the family assistant at your shelter will be able to assist you, if needed. If there is no family assistant in your shelter or if you are not residing in a shelter, please contact your school or the STH liaison for assistance. Middle School – same procedure as elementary school except where your district does not have zoned middle schools, then you must report to the Borough Enrollment Center. For the location of your Borough Enrollment Center, please call 311. High School – all high school students must register at the Borough Enrollment Center. For the location of the nearest Borough Enrollment Center, please call 311.
<p>Enrollment Disputes:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If a dispute arises over the school selection or enrollment, your child must be immediately admitted to the school in which he/she is seeking enrollment, pending resolution of the dispute. The parent/guardian must be provided with a written explanation of the school decision on the dispute, including the right to appeal, and referred to the STH Family Assistant or STH liaison for assistance.
<p>Transportation:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students who are defined as homeless by the McKinney-Vento Act are entitled to transportation to and from school, if necessary. If available, busses will be provided to students grades K-6; if not available, they are eligible for student MetroCard. For students in grades Pre-K to 6 who are eligible for transportation and receive a student MetroCard, their parents/guardians are eligible for public transportation assistance (MetroCard) to accompany the child. Students in grades 7-12 are eligible for student MetroCard.

For more information, please contact the borough Students in Temporary Housing Program or your Children First Network to speak to an STH liaison or call 311 or visit our web site at:
<http://schools.nyc.gov/StudentSupport/NonAcademicSupport/StudentsinTemporaryHousing/default.htm>