



Great Expectations Academy shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every student experiencing homelessness shall have access to the same free and appropriate educational opportunities as students who are not homeless. This commitment to the educational rights of children, youth, and unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness applies to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available by the LEA.

### **McKinney-Vento Definition of Homeless:**

***The term “homeless children and youth”— means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence [\[42 U.S.C. § 11434a\(2\)\]](#).***

A student may be considered eligible for services as a “Homeless Child or Youth” under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if presently living in one of the following situations:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason,
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations,  
Living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals,
- 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,  
Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings, or
- Is a migratory child who qualifies as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described above.

To remove educational barriers for children and youths experiencing homelessness, the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act mandates the following:

**Immediate Enrollment:** Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C)].

**School Selection and Maintained Enrollment:** McKinney-Vento eligible students have a right to select from the options outlined below. Students may remain enrolled in their selected schools for the duration of homelessness, and until the end of the academic year upon which they are permanently housed or enroll the child or youth in any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is living are eligible to attend [42 U.S.C. §§11432(g)(3)(A); (g)(3)(B); (g)(3)(I)(i)].

School of Origin	School of Residency
The school the student attended when permanently housed	The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides
The school in which the student was last enrolled	

**Transportation Services:** McKinney-Vento eligible students attending their School of Origin have a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(J)(iii)].

**Participation in Programs:** McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to services comparable to services offered to other students in the school [42 U.S.C. §§11432(g)(4); (g)(6)(iii)].

**Unaccompanied Youth Experiencing Homelessness:** McKinney-Vento eligible students are guaranteed the right to immediate enrollment without proof of guardianship [42 U.S.C. § 1432(g)(1)(H)(iv)].

**Access to Extracurricular Activities:** Removal of barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities for homeless students who meet relevant eligibility criteria [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(1)(F)(iii)].

**Dispute Resolution:** If you disagree with school officials about enrollment, transportation, or fair treatment of a homeless child or youth, you may file a dispute with the school district by contacting the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison within seven (7) business days of receiving the written eligibility determination notification [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E)].

**Appointment of a McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison:** The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act mandates the appointment of a local Homeless Liaison in every school district or local education agency (LEA) to ensure that homeless children and youth are enrolled in and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school [42 U.S.C. §§11432(g)(1)(J)(ii); (g)(6)(A)].

For more information, refer to [Arizona Department of Education Homeless Education Program, 42 USC CHAPTER 119, SUBCHAPTER VI, Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths](#), and [the Arizona ESEA Consolidated State Plan](#). You may also contact:

**LEA Homeless Liaison**

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Information contained on this form is confidential and used to determine whether a child or youth meets the definition of homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act. The Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) program as authorized under Title VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (42 U.S.C. 11431 et seq.). Please note, false claims about living situations may affect enrollment.

### Section A

Today's date:

Name of individual completing this form:

Your telephone number: \_\_\_\_ Your email address:

Student name:

Last school attended: Current grade: Birth date:

Do you have additional children attending school in our district? Yes  No  Do you have children of the preschool age? Yes  No  Please provide information about additional children attending school in our district or of preschool age.

Last Name First Name Grade School District

Address of where the student slept last night:

Is this address based on a temporary living arrangement due to the loss of housing? Yes  No  (Examples: sharing the housing with others due to economic hardship or similar reason; hotel/motel; shelter; transitional housing; car; park; campsite; and inadequate housing, including no running water, electricity, or adequate space)

NOTE: If you checked "No" to the temporary living arrangement, you may STOP here. If you checked "Yes", please continue to the next section.

Section B Name of the parent/guardian/adult caring for the student: Relationship to the student:

If the address you provided in section A is based on a temporary living arrangement, is it due to loss of housing or economic hardship? Yes  No

Please place an "X" in each box that best describes where the student sleeps at night. In a place that does not have windows, doors, running water, heat, electricity, or overcrowded Staying with a friend or relative because of loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason (Example: eviction, foreclosure, fire, flood, lost job, divorce, domestic violence, kicked out by parents, ran away from home) What date did you begin staying here?

In a shelter/transitional housing program (name of agency): What date did you begin staying here?

In an unsheltered location (e.g. tent, vehicle, abandoned building, streets, campground, park, bus/train station, or similar place) Provide the main cross streets of this unsheltered location:

In a hotel/motel (name of hotel/motel & address) What date did you begin staying here?

With an adult that is not a parent or court appointed legal guardian Alone, not in the care of a parent or court appointed legal guardian None of the above (Please explain):

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The following signature certifies that the information provided above is accurate. False claims about living situations  
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may affect enrollment.

Signature of Person Providing Information Date Parent/Legal guardian/Caregiver/Student

For School Use Only Please note, the student's cumulative file should not include a copy of this form. Do not make copies of this form. If Section B is filled out, please notify the LEA Homeless Education Liaison, and provide the original form to them.

Name of school site personnel who enrolled the student:

Please check the housing types that apply:

Sheltered  Doubled-up  Unsheltered/FEMA/Substandard  Hotel/Motel  Unaccompanied youth: Yes  No

Transportation to school of origin needed: Yes  No