

Unaccompanied Youth Eligibility Flowchart

HOMELESS:

SHOULD be enrolled as UHY under MV

Is the student residing with someone who is not a parent or court-appointed legal guardian?

NOT HOMELESS:

SHOULD NOT be enrolled as UHY under MV



Family was evicted; cannot find housing all together; parent placed child temporarily with a friend or relative

Student left home due to danger or extreme conflict; student was put out of home by parent for a similar reason

The family was homeless prior to the parent's incarceration or the caregiver arrangement is not fixed, regular, and adequate

The family lost housing; the parent placed the child temporarily with a friend or relative

Why is the student with this person?

NEED MORE INFORMATION

Parent is incarcerated and a relative or friend agreed to care

Parent enrolled the student and then left the area

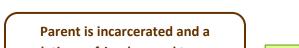
Parent transferred for work; plan for student care & support in place

so student can stay to finish school

Student moved in with a friend. relative, or coach to play sports, be in the band, attend a magnet school, etc.

Student did not change residences, caregiver moved in; parent made arrangements for the student prior to incarceration

Parent's work schedule was problematic, so the child stays with relatives for school



for the child

NOTE: The information contained in this flowchart is intended to serve as a general guide. All McKinney-Vento eligibility determinations should be made on a case-bycase basis weighing the individual circumstances of each student. To be eligible for McKinney-Vento services as an unaccompanied homeless student, the student must meet the criteria of both homeless and unaccompanied.

Determining McKinney-Vento Eligibility of Unaccompanied Youth

1. Is the student residing with someone who is not his/her parent or court appointed guardian?

If yes, continue to the next question. If no, the student may be homeless, but is not unaccompanied.

2. Does the student meet the definition of homeless under McKinney-Vento?

These are sample questions that can be asked to determine McKinney-Vento eligibility. Reminder: *homeless* is defined as "lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence."

- Why is the student living with someone who is not his/her parent/guardian?
- Is the student placed in this residence as a temporary plan for housing because the entire family became homeless?
- Did the student leave home because of severe family conflict?
- How long can the student continue living where he or she is?
- Does the student have his or her own space/bedroom in the residence?
- Does the student have adequate privacy?
- Can the student come and go as needed?
- Where would the student live if not able to live there?
- What are the expectations of the student while staying there?

A student who is considered homeless (lacking a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence) and unaccompanied (not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) can be registered as an unaccompanied homeless youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.

A student who is not homeless, even though residing with a person other than the parent or court-appointed guardian, does not qualify as an unaccompanied homeless youth under the McKinney-Vento Act.

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