

The Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths

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

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 he or she is 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 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), 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(B) and 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(I) (i)].

School of Origin	School of Residency				
The school the student attended when permanently	The school in the attendance area in which the				
housed	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) & (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 complaint with the school district [42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(E)].

Appointment of a Local Homeless Liaison: The McKinney-Vento 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) and U.S.C. §11432(g)(6)(A)].

For more information, refer to <u>Arizona Department of Education</u>, <u>Homeless Education</u>, <u>42 USC CHAPTER 119</u>, <u>SUBCHAPTER VI</u>, <u>Part B: Education for Homeless Children and Youths</u>, <u>and the AZ State ESSA Plan</u>. You may also contact:

LEA Homeless Liaison

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McKinney – Vento Program – Intake Form 2024 - 2025

Please Print Clearly in the boxes below: Student Name: Date of Birth: Please list siblings or other children in the home: Name Student # Grade School (if not enrolled, please indicate) Age Where are you and your family currently staying? Section A ☐ Rent/Own my own home. STOP: IF YOU HAVE MARKED THAT YOU OWN/RENT YOUR OWN HOME, SIGN UNDER ITEM 2 AND SUBMIT FORM TO SCHOOL PERSONNEL. Section B \Box Doubled Up¹ □ Shelter \square Unsheltered² ☐ Motel/Hotel □ Other: Explanations Listed Below: 1 Sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason ² Living in a car, park, campsite, trailer park, bus/train station, abandoned building, abandoned hospital, or other location not ordinarily used as sleeping accommodations. Is your current residence a temporary living situation? \Box Yes \Box No Is your living arrangement due to the loss of housing or economic hardship? \Box Yes \Box No Please check the following services that are needed or desired: ☐ Free Lunch □ Clothing/Uniform ☐ School Supplies ☐ Gifted/Talented ☐ Visual Referral ☐ Tutoring ☐ Special Education ☐ Missing Enrollment Records **Birth Certificate Prior Academic Records** Immunization/Medical Records **Guardianship Issues** 2. The undersigned certifies that the information provided above is accurate. Print Parent/Guardian Name/Adult Caring for Student Signature **Date** (Area Code) Phone Number City Zip **Street Address** State **School Use Only** ☐ Referral Form Completed/Submitted ☐ Free or Reduced Price Meals Form Submitted/Signed

Signature (required)

Date

Title

Print School Contact

Alternative Form for Income-based Eligibility

The Arizona Department of Education provides the following Fiscal Year 2025 Income Guidelines for determining income eligibility for a variety of federal funding programs. This form should be utilized as an alternative means to collect income eligibility information from the student's household and organizations should retain completed forms for a period of five years.

Definition of Income: all items such as wages and salaries before any deductions, and other income, such as self-employment, welfare, social security, retirement benefits unemployment compensation, worker's compensation, aid for dependent children, alimony, child support, pensions, insurance, or annuity payments, etc.

Exclusion: the value of meals, milk, or EBT benefits to children shall NOT be considered income in the household.

Is your household at or below the current income guidelines based on the attached Elementary and Secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act Income Eligibility Guidelines schedule?

Yes, Income Eligibility 1 (Indicator 1 in AzEDS):

Yes, Income Eligibility 2 (Indicator 2 i	Yes, Income Eligibility 2 (Indicator 2 in AzEDS): No:							
If your household qualifies, please complete the following information for e		0 Iv						
<u>Student's Name</u>	Name of School	<u>Grade</u>						
I hereby certify that all the above information is true and correct:								
Parent/Guardian Signature:	Date:							

Income Eligibility Guidelines: July 1, 2024- June 30, 2025

Income Eligibility 1						Income Eligibility 2					
HOW OFTEN INCOME WAS RECEIVED						HOW OFTEN INCOME WAS RECEIVED					
Family Size:	Yearly	Monthly	2 x Month (Bi-Monthly)	Bi-Weekly (Every Two Weeks)	Weekly	Family Size:	Yearly	Monthly	2 x Month (Bi-Monthly)	Bi-Weekly (Every Two Weeks)	Weekly
1	\$19,578	\$1,632	\$816	\$753	\$377	1	\$27,861	\$2,322	\$1,161	\$1,072	\$536
2	\$26,572	\$2,215	\$1,108	\$1,022	\$511	2	\$37,814	\$3,152	\$1,576	\$1,455	\$728
3	\$33,566	\$2,798	\$1,399	\$1,291	\$646	3	\$47,767	\$3,981	\$1,991	\$1,838	\$919
4	\$40,560	\$3,380	\$1,690	\$1,560	\$780	4	\$57,720	\$4,810	\$2,405	\$2,220	\$1,110
5	\$47,554	\$3,963	\$1,982	\$1,829	\$915	5	\$67,673	\$5,640	\$2,820	\$2,603	\$1,302
6	\$54,548	\$4,546	\$2,273	\$2,098	\$1,049	6	\$77,626	\$6,469	\$3,235	\$2,966	\$1,493
7	\$61,542	\$5,129	\$2,565	\$2,367	\$1,184	7	\$87,579	\$7,299	\$3,650	\$3,369	\$1,685
8	\$68,536	\$5,712	\$2,856	\$2,636	\$1,318	8	\$97,532	\$8,128	\$4,064	\$3,752	\$1,876
Each Additional Member Add:	+\$6,994	+\$583	+\$292	+\$269	+\$135	Each Additional Member Add:	+\$9,953	+\$830	+\$415	+\$383	+\$192

If all income is received on the same schedule Example: alimony = \$100 / month & pension = \$300 / month

DO NOT use conversion factors

If family reports income sources from more than one schedule Example: alimony = \$100 / month & pension = \$300 / week

Income MUST be converted to yearly.

Yearly Income = Monthly x 12

Yearly Income = Twice Per Month (Bi-Monthly) x 24 Yearly Income = Every Two Weeks (Bi-Weekly) x 26

Yearly Income = Week x 52

DO NOT round the values resulting from each conversion