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**Written Notification for Unaccompanied Youth –**

**Homelessness or Self-Supporting Youth At-risk Eligibility Decision**

*In compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act, the following written notification is provided to:*

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

This determination for eligibility was based upon:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  
  
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After reviewing the current living situation of the student listed above, the Homeless Liaison has determined that as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_(date):

⃞ **The student meets the Homeless and Unaccompanied Youth definitions**

1. Students who are not in the physical custody of a parent or a court-appointed legal guardian; this includes youth who have run away from home, have been kicked out of their homes, or have been abandoned by parents.
2. Student lack fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.
3. The student is 21 years of age or younger and is still enrolled in high school*.*

**The Homeless Liaison will meet with you to determine the level of support required.**

* *If your living situation changes, it is the responsibility of the Student to inform the school of changes to your living situation.  If a more permanent situation occurs, McKinney-Vento services may still be provided for the remainder of the school-year.*

⃞ **The student meets the Unaccompanied Youth/Self-Supporting and At-risk of becoming homeless guidelines**

1. Students who are not in the physical custody of a parent or a court-appointed legal guardian; this includes youth who have run away from home, have been kicked out of their homes, or have been abandoned by parents.
2. Student is self-supporting and has fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, but is at-risk becoming homeless.
3. The student is 21 years of age or younger and is still enrolled in high school.

**The Homeless Liaison or Counselor will meet with you to determine if any supports are needed.**

* *If your living situation changes, it is the responsibility of the Student to inform the school of changes to your living situation.  If an unstable housing situation occurs, McKinney-Vento eligibility and services would be provided for the remainder of the school-year.*

⃞ **The student meets ONLY the Unaccompanied Youth definition**

1. Student is not in the physical custody of a parent, but arrangements have been made for them by their parents/guardians for fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residency.

* *If your living situation changes, you may re-apply.*
* *You have the right to appeal this decision by completing the attached page or by contacting the Homeless Liaison.  Additional written or verbal communication to support your position regarding your request may be required to determine McKinney-Vento status and/or the student’s enrollment or continued enrollment in the requested school.*
* *The student listed above has the right to enroll or continue enrollment in the requested school pending the resolution of the dispute.*

Homeless Liaison Signature \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**The McKinney-Vento Act: Parent-Student Rights**

Idaho public schools shall provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every student experiencing homelessness or transition 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, applied to all services, programs, and activities provided or made available.

A student may be considered eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act if he or she is presently living:

* In temporary shared housing, a shelter, or transitional living program
* In a hotel/motel, campground, or similar situation due to lack of alternatives
* At a bus station, park, car, or abandoned building
* According to the McKinney-Vento Act, eligible students have rights to:

**\*Immediate enrollment:** *Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to the enrollment in school.*

**\*School Selection:** Eligible students have a right to select from the following schools:

* The school he/she attended when permanently housed (School of Origin)
* The school in which he/she was last enrolled (School of Origin)
* The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides (School of Residency)

**\*Remain enrolled** *in his/her selected school for the duration of homelessness, or until the academic year upon which they are permanently housed.*

*\****Participate in programs** *for which they are eligible, including Title I tutoring programs, Free Lunch in schools with the, National School Lunch Program, Head Start & Even Start Preschool Programs.*

**\*Transportation Services:** *A McKinney-Vento eligible student attending his/her School of Origin has a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin.*

**\*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. The school district must respond and attempt to resolve it quickly. During the dispute, the student must be immediately enrolled in the school and provided transportation until the matter is resolved. The McKinney Vento Liaison will assist you in making decision, providing notice of any appeal process, and filling out dispute forms.*