# Kentucky Written Notification of a School Placement Decision[[1]](#footnote-1)

**Purpose:** According to [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(b)(iii)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title42/chapter119/subchapter6/partB&edition=prelim), liaisons must notify families in writing if the best interest determination is not the school of origin, or when the school selected through the best interest determination is against the parent’s wishes. Information can be entered on the form and used as the required notification. Likewise, this form provides documentation that can be useful in the event of a dispute.

In compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act ([42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(b)(iii)](http://uscode.house.gov/view.xhtml?path=/prelim@title42/chapter119/subchapter6/partB&edition=prelim)), the following notification is provided to:

Parent(s)/Guardian(s)/Unaccompanied Youth: Click or tap here to enter text.

Student: Click or tap here to enter text.

## Determination

After a review of the current living situation of the student listed above, it was determined that:

[ ]  **The student qualifies for McKinney-Vento services, and it is in the best interest of the student(s) to remain in the school of origin** Click or tap here to enter text.

* This determination was based upon: Click or tap here to enter text.
* The local homeless liaison will meet with you to determine your student’s needs and how help can be coordinated for the reduction of barriers to learning and referrals to appropriate sources.
* If your living situation changes, it is the responsibility of the Parent/Guardian/Student to inform the school of changes to your living situation. If a more permanent housing situation occurs, McKinney-Vento services will still be provided for the remainder of the school year.

[ ]  **The student qualifies for McKinney-Vento services, but it is not in the best interest of the student to remain at the school of origin** Click or tap here to enter text. **and will be supported in enrolling in their new Local Attendance Area School** Click or tap here to enter text.

* This determination was based upon: Click or tap here to enter text.
* The local homeless liaison will work with you to ensure this process/transition is as smooth as possible.

## Contact Information

Local Homeless Liaison Signature: Click or tap here to enter text.

Date: Click or tap to enter a date.

Name: Click or tap here to enter text.
Phone: Click or tap here to enter text.

Email: Click or tap here to enter text.

# The McKinney-Vento Act: Parent-Student Rights

Kentucky’s public schools seek to provide an educational environment that treats all students with dignity and respect. Every student experiencing homelessness has a right to access 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. Please visit the Kentucky Department of Education’s website for the [Education of Homeless Children and Youth](https://education.ky.gov/federal/progs/txc/Pages/default.aspx) or the [National Center for Homeless Education](https://nche.ed.gov/) for more information.

A student may be considered **eligible for services under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act** if he or she is presently living in a situation that is not fixed, regular, and adequate. Examples of eligible living situations include but are not limited to:

* Sharing the housing of others due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason;
* In emergency shelters, or transitional living programs;
* In a hotel/motel, campground, or similar situation due to lack of alternative housing; or
* In cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings.

## Right to Appeal

For any unfavorable decision, you have the right to appeal by contacting the district homeless liaison to dispute the decision as guided by [704 KAR 7:090](https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/law/kar/titles/704/007/090/). Additional written or verbal communication to support your position may be required to determine McKinney-Vento status and/or the student’s enrollment or continued enrollment in the requested school. The local homeless liaison will assist parents, guardians, or students in disputes. The student has the right to enroll or continue enrollment in the requested school pending the resolution of the dispute.

According to the McKinney-Vento Act, eligible students have rights to:

* **Immediate enrollment:** Documentation and immunization records cannot serve as a barrier to enrollment in school.
* **School Selection:** Eligible students have a right to select from the following schools:
	+ The school they attended when permanently housed (School of Origin)
	+ The school in which they were last enrolled (School of Origin)
	+ The school in the attendance area in which the student currently resides (School of Residency)
* **Remain enrolled** in their 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 their School of Origin has a right to transportation to and from the School of Origin and extracurricular activities upon request.
1. This form was adapted from the Idaho form: [Written Notification of Eligibility and/or School Placement Decision](https://www.sde.idaho.gov/federal-programs/homeless/files/Prog-33/McKinney-Vento-Written-Notification-Eligibility-and-Enrollment.docx). [↑](#footnote-ref-1)