

**POLICY ON RIGHTS OF HOMELESS STUDENTS
INCLUDING UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH**

The Pierre School District policy is to:

- ensure the immediate enrollment of children or youth experiencing homelessness until all enrollment records may be secured, i.e. academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.
- keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child's or youth's parent or guardian.
- ensure the elimination of stigmatization or segregated services and the elimination of other identified barriers for homeless children and youth.
- provide children or youth experiencing homelessness with services comparable to services offered to other students in the school including the following:
 - Transportation services.
 - Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar State or local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency.
 - Programs in vocational and technical education.
 - Programs for gifted and talented students.
 - School nutrition programs.

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SAMPLE
Student Residency Questionnaire
_____ **Unified School District**

This questionnaire is intended to address whether a child is eligible for services provided and required by the McKinney-Vento Act. Your answers will help the administrator determine residency documents necessary for enrollment of this student.

1. Presently, where is the student living?
- in a shelter
 - with more than one family in a house or apartment
 - in a motel, car or campsite
 - with friends or family members (other than parent/guardian)
 - none of the above choices apply (You do not need to complete the remainder of this form, if you check this box. Return to school personnel.)
2. The student lives with:
- 1 parent
 - 2 parents
 - 1 parent & another adult
 - a relative, friend(s) or other adult(s)
 - alone with no adults
 - an adult that is not the parent or the legal guardian

School _____

Name of Student _____ Male ___ Female ___

Birth Date/Year _____ Age: _____ Social Security # _____

Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardian(s) _____

Address _____ Zip _____

Phone/Pager _____

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____

Date: _____

If any of the first four boxes in question #1 were checked, fax this form immediately the District Homeless Liaison: # _____

Name and phone number of school contact person who may know of the family's situation: _____

Date faxed: _____