



Residency Affidavit OR McKinney-Vento?

Residency Affidavit:

- Used when a parent/legal guardian of a student cannot provide two (2) proofs of residency in their name at the time of registration because their primary residence is owned or leased by another party and they do not have any acceptable proof of residency.
- However, if the student qualifies under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, in which case NO DOCUMENTATION is required, they should be enrolled immediately and then referred to the counselor to complete the homeless tab.

McKinney-Vento:

- The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act guarantees a free and appropriate public education for all children and youth experiencing homelessness.
- Homelessness is defined as “anyone lacking a fixed, adequate, regular nighttime residence.”
- Included in this category are students who are living with another party due to some type of hardship.
- Any school staff can speak to the family and assess McKinney-Vento eligibility but the counselor is the “homeless liaison”.

Things to consider:

- Why is this student/family living with another party? Is there a hardship involved or are they living with the other party due to convenience or choice? If it is due to a hardship, they qualify under McKinney-Vento.
- Is the student unaccompanied (meaning they are not living with their legal parent or guardian)? If so, and they are displaced, they qualify under McKinney-Vento.
- What are examples of hardships? A poverty related situation, eviction, house fire, loss of job, natural disaster, being kicked out of home, runaway, death, hospitalization, or incarceration of parents, divorce/separation, fleeing domestic violence, and refugee/migrant situations.

For more information or for any questions please reach out to the Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) team at ecyeh@philasd.org