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| **Student Name** | |  | **School** | | | |  | | **Grade** | |  | **Date of Birth** |
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| **Street Address** |  | **City** | |  | | **State** |  | **Zip** | |  | **(Area Code) Phone Number** | |
| **SECTION A**  As the parent(s) or guardian(s) of these school-aged students, if you are currently living in a home, apartment, mobile home, condominium, or other housing and your name(s) is/are on the lease or mortgage, please check this box. If you checked this box, in **SECTION A** please STOP and sign the form and submit to the school. If you did not check the box, sign the form move to **SECTION B**.   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | | **Person completing the form (print name)** |  | **Signature** |  | **Date** |   **SECTION B**  Please provide information for siblings (brothers or sisters) of student listed above (if additional lines are needed, attach another page).   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | **Names of Other Children**  **in the Home** | **School Name  (Include Head Start, PreK, K-12)** | **Date of Birth** | **Grade** | **M/F** | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  | |  |  |  |  |  |   **I. If your family is currently residing in any of the following situations due to economic reasons - check the appropriate box:**  (A) Staying in a transitional or emergency shelter or FEMA trailer  (B) Sharing the housing of others due to loss of housing or economic hardship  (D) Substandard housing: lacks electricity, gas, running water, code violations, lack of cooking capabilities, or over-crowded  (D) Sleeping in a car, campground, park or public place  (E) In a hotel or motel  **II. Are you a homeless unaccompanied youth not in the custody of a parent or guardian?**   **Yes  No**  **III. Factors contributing to the student’s current living situation (check all that apply):**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | | (D) Man-Made Disaster-major | | (F) Flooding | (H) Hurricane | (M) Mortgage Foreclosure | | (N) Natural Disaster - other | | (S) Tropical Storm | (T) Tornado | (U) Unknown | | (O) Other (lack of affordable housing, long-term poverty, unemployment/ or underemployment, health issues, domestic violence, mental illness, forced eviction). | | | | | | (Please explain): |  | | | |   **IV. The student(s) live with: (check all that apply)**   |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | | Parent(s) | Guardian(s) | | Alone with no adult | | A relative, friend or other adult that is not a guardian: (please describe) | |  | |   **DMT/School Staff – Based on the above information, I attest that to the best of my knowledge the above named child(ren) is/are eligible for benefits under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.**   |  |  |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | |  |  |  |  |  | | **Print Name and Title** |  | **Signature** |  | **Date** |   ***\*\*NOTICE TO PERSON COMPLETING THIS FORM – PLEASE DETACH FOR YOUR RECORDS\*\****  **If you marked any of the items in SECTION B, your child has the following rights, as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act that protects the educational rights of homeless students:**   * Child can continue to attend the school that he/she attended before the situation occurred (per SECTION B) even if they are now living out-of zone. * Parent can request assistance with transportation. * Child is entitled to receive free meals for the entire school year. * Child can participate in school programs equal to children that have stable housing. * Child must be immediately enrolled in school, even if you lack a permanent address or lack required documents such as proof of residency, immunization records etc. * If enrollment dispute is made, the child can continue to attend school while dispute is being heard and resolved.   **If you want further information about the provisions of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act please contact the HEAT Program. HEAT staff provide free services, educational supports, referrals to community organizations, and advocacy as related to McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Contact the HEAT Office at 727-507-4766 or the Educational Alternative Services Office at 727-588-6069.** | | | | | | | | | | | | |

**Purpose of the Enrollment Form/Residency Questionnaire**

Under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Pinellas County Schools (PCS) staff are required to identify students who are experiencing homelessness (often referred to as being in transition in your housing situation) (reference PCS Policy 5111.01).

**Who should fill out the Enrollment Form/Residency Questionnaire?**

The Enrollment Form/Residency Questionnaire should be filled out for all students in grades Preschool – 12 by the parent or guardian or if the student is a homeless unaccompanied youth, the student may complete the questionnaire. The Enrollment Form/Residency Questionnaire should be completed when students are enrolling in school or when students have had a change in address.

Preschool includes any PCS Program for 3-5 year olds, such as Pre-K or Head Start.

**Confidentiality**

Student/family housing information shall be kept confidential to the maximum extent possible in order to provide for the student’s educational needs. PCS staff may share this information with personnel such as the Homeless Liaison, the data management tech, the student’s teachers, school counselor, social worker or other staff directly designated as working with the homeless population in the district. *The school staff should reassure the student/family that all housing status information will be kept confidential. PCS staff will not contact a landlord to verify a student’s housing status*.

**Who is considered homeless or in transition under the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act?**

The situations outlined in **SECTION B** (page 1) are examples of housing situations that are considered homeless under this federal law.

**PCS policy mandates that students/families who are in transition or are experiencing homelessness will not be stigmatized.**

**Dispute Resolution**

Any disputes related to homeless students or homeless unaccompanied youth that cannot be resolved at the school level are referred to the District Homeless Liaison, Christina Fields, through the respective HEAT staff.

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| **Instructions for School-Based Data Management Technicians (DMTs):**  Upon receipt of the completed Enrollment Form/Residency Questionnaire and you have completed a review:   * If the completed form has the box in **SECTION A** marked – you shall maintain these questionnaires onsite for one year and then shred. These student(s) would **not** be coded as homeless. * If the completed form has any items checked in **SECTION B,** and to the best of your knowledge they meet the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, **code** the student(s) in FOCUS as homeless (Exit Interview Tab). Once you code them in FOCUS, please forward (via Pony) the completed Questionnaire to the HEAT Program office (see Pony address below) so that they can be maintained by the HEAT Program. * If you have questions or concerns about the marked items in **SECTION B,** please forward the completed Questionnaire to the HEAT Program office (see Pony address below) so that they can make contact with the parent/guardian/student to assess.   **\*\*IMPORTANT**   * It is important to enter homeless coding into FOCUS under the Exit Interview Tab **as quickly as possible** so that the student may begin to receive services promptly (such as free meals and bus transportation). * The Pony information is: ***HEAT Program c/o Bayside Service Center (Pony Route #2)*** | |
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**Additional Resources**

**HEAT Website**: <http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/Page/1577>

[**2-1-1 Tampa Bay Cares**](http://www.211tampabay.org/): <http://www.211tampabay.org/>

[**National Association for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY)**](http://www.naehcy.org/): <http://www.naehcy.org/>   
  
[**National Center for Homeless Education at SERVE**](http://www.serve.org/nche/):  <http://center.serve.org/nche/>