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## Jefferson School District - McKinney-Vento Education Program Notification Letter

### Date:

Dear parent or guardian,

We are writing to inform you that your child, \_\_\_\_\_, is currently eligible for services under the **McKinney-Vento Education Assistance Improvements Act**. This federal program ensures that students experiencing any of the following situations below have access to the same educational opportunities as all other students.

### Why Your Child May Qualify for the McKinney-Vento Program:

Under the McKinney-Vento Act, a student is considered homeless if they lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes situations where your child may be:

- **Living in a shelter, motel, or transitional housing program.**
- **Sharing housing with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship (often referred to as “doubling up”).**
- **Living in a car, campground, or similar temporary accommodation.**
- **Staying in a public or private place not designated for regular sleeping arrangements (e.g., an abandoned building, bus or train station, or a park).**
- **Living in other conditions where there is a lack of safe, permanent housing.**

If your family is in one of these situations, your child may qualify for the McKinney-Vento program, which provides important educational support and services to help ensure your child’s success in school.

### What Does This Mean for Your Child?

As part of the McKinney-Vento program, your child may be entitled to the following services:

- **Immediate enrollment** in school, even if you do not have all required documents (e.g., proof of residency, birth certificate).



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- **Transportation** assistance to and from school if in the child's best interest.
- **Access to free breakfast and lunch at school.**
- **Academic support** that may include: tutoring, counselling services, graduation progress monitoring, College and Career advising, grade checks, and advocacy.
- **Referral to other community resources** as needed.

### **Your Rights Under the McKinney-Vento Act:**

- You will have the right to **request to attend school of origin** even if you are temporarily living outside the district or in a temporary housing arrangement if it is in your child's best interest.
- You have the right to **request transportation services** to allow your child to remain in their school of origin if it is in their best interest.
- You have the right to **dispute decisions made by the school regarding your child's eligibility for McKinney-Vento services or placement.** If you disagree with any decision, you can request a meeting to discuss what is in your child's best interest and to resolve the dispute. This meeting can include you, the school staff, and the McKinney-Vento liaison to ensure that your child's needs are being properly met.

### **Eligibility Review and Ongoing Support:**

Eligibility for the McKinney-Vento program is reviewed at the beginning of each school year. If your family's situation changes at any time, we encourage you to contact the McKinney-Vento liaison, to ensure your child continues to receive the necessary support. We are here to assist you and your child throughout the school year and want to ensure your child has access to the resources they need to succeed.

### **If You Do NOT Consent to McKinney-Vento Services:**



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If you do **not** wish to accept the McKinney-Vento services for your child, please sign and return this form to us. We will respect your decision, but we encourage you to contact us if you have any questions about the program or if your situation changes.

**I do NOT consent to my child receiving McKinney-Vento services.**

**Signature of Parent/Guardian:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Thank you for your attention to this matter. We are committed to supporting your child's education and well-being. If you have any questions or need assistance, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely,

Migrant/ Homeless/ Foster Care Family Liaison  
Jefferson School District 251  
(208) 313-5795