

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY AS AN UNACCOMPANIED  
HOMELESS YOUTH

**Is the student residing with someone who is not their parent or court appointed guardian?**

If yes, continue

**Does the student meet the definition of homeless under McKinney-Vento?**

**These are sample questions that can be asked to determine eligibility. To be eligible, homelessness must be the primary reason the student is staying where they are.**

Why is the student living with someone who is not their parent/guardian?

Is the entire family homeless and this student placed in this residence as a temporary plan for housing?

Did the student leave home because of severe family conflicts?

How long can the child stay where they are?

Do they have their own space/bedroom in the house?

Do they have adequate privacy?

Can they come and go as needed?

Where would they be if not where they are?

If the student is considered homeless and this is the primary reason they are not with their parent or legal guardian, then they can be registered as an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.

If the student is not homeless and they are residing with a person other than the parent or court appointed guardian, the student does not qualify as an Unaccompanied Homeless Youth.