

**Little Miami Local School Dist
Public Notice
Education Rights of Homeless Children and Youth**

The school district is actively seeking to enroll children and youth who are homeless. If you are homeless or know of a child or youth that is homeless and not attending school, please contact the following person who will provide information and assistance during the enrollment process:

Local Liaison Name: Pamela M. Coates Telephone: 513-899-2263 x 50111

School Address 7247 Zoar Rd.; Maineville, OH 45039

- *Who is considered "homeless"?* Any child or youth not attending school who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence is considered homeless and includes those who are sharing housing with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship. It also includes children and youth who are living in hotels, camping grounds, emergency shelters, cars, bus or train stations, or other similar settings. If you are not sure, please call.
- *What are the education rights of homeless children and youth?* Our schools provide equal and comparable access to all students regardless of their home living situation. Homeless children and youth have specific rights that include:
 - a. Immediate enrollment in school and, when desired or feasible, at the "school of origin."
 - b. Prompt provision of necessary services such as transportation and meal programs.
 - c. Appropriate support services and programs for which they are eligible such as programs for gifted, children with disabilities, vocational education, preschool.
 - d. Academic assistance through the district's federally funded Title I program.
 - e. Parent or guardian involvement school activities.
- *What is the "school of origin"?* The term 'school of origin' means the school the child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled. It is the district's responsibility to consider the best interests of the child or youth when making a decision regarding what school to attend. Consideration must be given to placement at the school of origin unless doing so is contrary to the wishes of the parent or guardian.
- *What if there is disagreement regarding school placement?* The parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth (a youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian) may appeal the placement decision if the district makes a placement in a school other than the school of origin or a school requested by the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth. The student will be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment was requested by the student or parent while an appeal is pending. The person indicated above will provide information and assistance regarding such an appeal.

No Child or Youth Should Be Denied Access to a Free and Appropriate Public Education

OFFICE USE ONLY				
Student Name	Date Distributed	Date School/District Notified of Student	Current Location of Student	School of Origin



McKinney-Vento Act Form

In the event of unexpected circumstances that cause a family to experience homelessness, a child may remain in attendance within the Little Miami School District while living outside of the district attendance area. Students meeting the homeless criteria will be able to continue/enroll in a Little Miami school; however, all situations of homelessness will be investigated by the district attendance officer within the next 10 school days.

Due to unexpected circumstances which have caused me to experience homelessness, I **am** **am not** living within the Little Miami Local School District at this time. Please check the appropriate box(es) below so that we may determine whether your situation meets the conditions of the McKinney-Vento Act for homeless children and youth.

- My family is sharing housing because of loss of housing, economic hardship or similar reasons.
- My family is living in a hotel/motel.
- My family is living in an abandoned building, car, park, trailer park, campground, public place, bus or train station.
- I am a student whose parent()/guardian will not permit me to live at home.
- I am a school age unwed mother living in a home for unwed mothers because I have no other available living accommodations.
- I am a student staying in temporary placement awaiting foster care placement.
- Other, please specify _____

Keeping in mind the best interests of myself/ my child(ren), I request that they be allowed to remain in attendance at their current school(s) within the Little Miami Local School District.

I understand that:

- They will be withdrawn from Little Miami School District at the end of the current school year unless I am able to adequately prove that I am a resident of Little Miami School District.
- I will be required to prove residency within the Little Miami School District at the beginning of the upcoming school year.
- I will keep all schools in which my child(ren) are enrolled informed of my current address.
- I will keep all schools in which my child(ren) are enrolled informed of current, working phone numbers so that I may be contacted in the event of an emergency.
- I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of this state that the information provided here is true and correct and of my own personal knowledge and that, if called upon to testify, I would be competent to testify.

Name of Student _____ School of Attendance _____ Grade _____ Birth Date _____

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Last School District Attended _____ Last Date Attended _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Relationship _____

Current Address (Where are you living now?) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Previous Address (Where were you living before?) _____ City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Name of person(s) with whom you are currently living _____

Telephone number where you can be reached _____

Emergency Contact Person _____ Phone Number _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian/Unaccompanied Youth _____ Date _____