



2021 Severe Winter WeaS



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place for identifying students experiencing homelessness enrollment and throughout the school year.

3. Are LEAs required to use a Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) to determine if unaccompanied youth or families are McKinney-Vento eligible?

No. An SRQ is recommended best practice to support identification of McKinney-Vento eligible students. Listed below are several examples of audible documentation that can be used in a time of crisis or disaster to assess a student's housing status other than a [Student Residency Questionnaire \(SRQ\)](#):

- x Google doc/survey
- x Intake form
- x Other written communication
- x Documentation of a phone call or conversation with a school representative.

4. Are unaccompanied youth and families required to complete a Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) to be identified as homeless?

No, a student can be identified as homeless even if a [Student Residency Questionnaire](#) form, or other documents were not completed or signed by a parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth.

5. If a student is identified and coded as homeless due to the severe winter weather when would this identification and coding need to be reevaluated?

A student's McKinney-Vento identification and eligibility should be evaluated annually. Identification and TSDS/SEIMS coding are for the current school year and do not carry over from year to year.

6. Are there TEHCP Program or other funding resources available to support identified students experiencing homelessness?

Yes. LEAs should first review their Title I Part A, Homeless Reservation. Title I Part A funds reserved by the LEA for services to support homeless students may occur on all campuses regardless of their Title I status. LEAs

7. If a student's home was damaged due to severe winter weather, should the student be coded as homeless? What criteria should be used to determine if housing is considered "substandard?"

Students and families residing in housing that has been damaged by the severe winter storm (e.g., no heat, running water, electricity, infestation with mold, etc.) are considered to be living in a substandard living situation and are therefore McKinney-Vento eligible. Assess each student and family living situation on a case-by-case basis. Listed below are several factors to consider when determining whether housing is substandard for McKinney-Vento eligibility and services

- a. Lacks one of the fundamental utilities such as water, electricity, or heat due to the severe winter weather
- b. Infestation of mold or vermin
- c. Lacks functional facilities, such as a working kitchen, working toilet, etc.
- d. Living conditions that may present unreasonable dangers to adults,