# McKinney-Vento Best Interest Determination/School Selection Form

Local homeless liaisons may use the following form to document the McKinney-Vento best interest determination and school selection process for students experiencing homelessness.

Liaisons should explain school selection rights under McKinney-Vento to the parent/guardian or youth, provide information on which schools the student may attend, and help the parents/guardian or youth consider the options. In making this determination, LEAs must:

* presume that staying in the school of origin is in the best interest of the child or youth;
* consider specific student-centered factors;
* prioritize the wishes of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth; and
* include a written explanation and notice of the right to appeal if the LEA determines that remaining in the school of origin is not in the best interest of the child or youth

If needed, liaisons may use the McKinney-Vento Best Interest Guide & Checklist to guide the conversation with the parent/youth and support the determination.

**\*Please note:** This form is only to be used for best interest determinations for students experiencing homelessness under the McKinney-Vento Act.\*

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Date:** |  |
| **Local Education Agency (LEA):** |  |
| **Student Name:** |  |
| **Name/Position of Person Completing Form:** |  |
| **Any other individuals (names, positions) consulted while making this determination:** |  |

## Student’s school selection options

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **School of origin:** |  |
| **Local attendance area school (and LEA, if different):** |  |
| **What school does the parent/guardian or youth prefer the student to attend?** |  |

Determination

|  |
| --- |
| **Which school has been determined to be in the student’s best interest to attend?** |
|  |

**Note**: If the LEA determines the student should attend a school other than school of origin or the school requested by the parent or youth, the LEA must provide written notification of this determination to the parents or youth. This must include an explanation of the decision and the rights of the parent/youth to appeal the decision to the school board.