South Carolina Public Charter School District
Homeless Student Information
Cheat Sheet for PowerSchool Data Entry

Remember: Once the student is Homeless is selected for the student, his/her lunch status will be automatic "Free".

Homeless status is based upon the following McKinney-Vento definition:
A homeless student is a child or youth who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. This includes:
- students who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
- students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- migratory students who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because they are living in circumstances described above.

Unaccompanied homeless youth status is based upon the following definition:
- A homeless unaccompanied youth is a youth who is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian and who meets the McKinney-Vento definition of homeless.
- There is no age range specified for an unaccompanied youth in the law. The upper age range is determined by what a state defines as school aged, unless the child is in special education in which case, the upper age range is twenty-one (21) years of age. There is no lower age range. As an example, a young child not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian, though living with a caregiver, and living in a situation that is not fixed, regular, and adequate, would be identified as a homeless unaccompanied youth.

Served by McKinney-Vento status is based on the following definition:
- The definition of "served" includes homeless children who have been served in any way through McKinney-Vento funds. Services would include both direct services, as outlined in the McKinney-Vento Act, and indirect services such as outreach activities completed by a staff member whose position is supported through McKinney-Vento funds.
- Include Age "Birth through 2" and Age "3 through 5-Not Kindergarten" children served by the subgrant program regardless of whether or not they were enrolled in a district-administered preschool program. While the children not in district preschool programs will not be in PowerSchool, the district McKinney-Vento Liaison will report this separate aggregate number to the McKinney-Vento State Coordinator for required federal reporting.

➢ Log into PowerSchool
➢ Select the student (If Identified as Homeless based on the above criteria.
   (Contact the district office for any unique situations)
➢ On the left tab-Click State/Province-SC
➢ Under South Carolina State Information-Click Homeless Student Information

1) Primary Nighttime Residence

Leave the field blank (default) for students who are not homeless. Upon homeless identification, enter the student's initial *primary nighttime residence*. Do not update the field should the *primary nighttime residence* change or if the student is no longer homeless. It is important this field is entered for all homeless students since **this field will be used to determine homeless status** for federal and state reporting.

PowerSchool Dropdown List Description	Full Description
S	Shelters, transitional housing, awaiting foster care
D	Doubled–up means sharing the housing of other persons due to economic hardship, loss of housing or other reasons (such as domestic violence).
U	Unsheltered includes cars, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailers including FEMA trailers, or abandoned buildings
H	Hotels/motels

The field defaults to blank.

2) Unaccompanied Youth

PowerSchool Dropdown List Description	Full Description
Blank	The student is NOT an unaccompanied youth.
Y	The student is an unaccompanied youth.

The field defaults to blank.

3) Served by McKinney-Vento

PowerSchool Dropdown List Description	Full Description
Blank	The student is NOT a homeless student.
Y	The student is a homeless student.

The field defaults to blank.

For more information on Homeless Program, please visit our SharePoint site:
http://sccharter-web.sharepoint.com/Pages/Homeless.aspx