**Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Eligibility Guideline Tool**

*The following tool is used as a guideline to determine eligibility of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth in Washoe County School District.*

***Unaccompanied youth****: Children and youth not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian.*

***Unaccompanied Homeless Youth****: Children and youth not in the physical custody of a parent or legal guardian AND meet the criteria of homelessness as defined by Mckinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.*

*Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (per Title IX, Part A of the Elementary and secondary Education Act, as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act) defines homeless as follows: The term “homeless children and youths”-means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)).*

Unaccompanied Youth-Not Homeless

Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

*Student was displaced from stable housing due to a planned event and:*

* Student’s parent(s)/legal guardian(s) moved due to work opportunity or similar reason.
* Student’s parent is hospitalized but did not lose housing assuming student will return home after parent is released.
* Parent is incarcerated but did not lose housing assuming student will return home after parent is released.
* Parent(s)/legal guardian is deported and student is placed in the state’s custody or in an arrangement with a family member/friend.
* Student is placed on a Present Danger Plan (PDP) through WCHSA.
* Temporary guardianship paperwork notarized consent to care for the child or signed statement of both parent and caregiver consenting to temporary guardianship of the student is provided.

*Student was displaced from stable housing due to an unplanned event and:*

* Student’s family lost housing due to an economic hardship.
* Student’s parent/legal guardian is hospitalized and lost housing as a result.
* Student’s parent/legal guardian is incarcerated and lost housing as a result.
* Parent(s)/legal guardian is deported and no arrangements with a caregiver are made (typically high school-aged students).
* Student left home due to unsafe or unstable housing conditions.
* Student is kicked out of the home.
* Death of parent(s)/legal guardian(s). Permanency of the arrangement re-evaluated after set amount of time?
* Student is abandoned by parent(s)/legal guardian. Permanency of the arrangement re-evaluated after set amount of time?
* Parent(s)/legal guardian(s) of student is unreachable or unwilling to sign temporary guardianship paperwork or similar documents allowing caregiver educational/medical access to the student.
* Student is couch surfing.
* Student is unsheltered.
* Student is living in a homeless shelter.