



Homeless Education

Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire and Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths Requirements

As outlined in the [Arizona ESEA Consolidated State Plan](#), all local education agencies (LEAs), including charters, are **required** to utilize the **Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire and The Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths** in the State of Arizona.

It is important to highlight that the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire content, including its sequencing, was intentionally developed in conference with the US Department of Education, the National Center for Homeless Children and Youth (NCHE), and SchoolHouse Connection (SHC) to support LEAs in removing barriers and streamlining the process to identify and immediately enroll children and youth experiencing homelessness ([42 U.S.C. §11432 \(g\)\(1\); \(g\)\(3\); \(g\)\(6\)](#)).

To this end, **neither the substance nor sequence of the content within the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire should be revised**. Please reference the following to ensure compliance with federal statutory and state requirements when utilizing these required documents.

Requirements to Ensure Statutory Compliance when Developing Required Documents

- **LEA modifications to the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire must follow the following guidelines:**
 - Replace the Arizona Department of Education Homeless Education logo with the LEA's logo.
 - Do **NOT modify or remove** any existing questions, information, or elements, including the totality and sequence of questions.
 - Add any specific examples, information, context, or questions that may enhance the LEA's ability to identify students experiencing homelessness (i.e., primary nighttime residence examples, etc.).
 - The "For School Use Only" section of the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire is to support the LEA in tracking the process of identification from the point of notification of the information provided to the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison for the LEA's recordkeeping purposes.
- **LEA modifications to The Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths must follow the following guidelines:**
 - LEAs may **NOT** omit or withhold access to information about **any** of the rights as outlined in the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. The Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths resource was developed to include information about all the rights within the law. To this end, LEAs may NOT omit any information included.
 - Fill in all the information requested for the LEA Homeless Liaison in the designated space. Do **NOT** remove the State Homeless Education Program Coordinator information.

Statutory Requirements

- Provision of both the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire and The Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths is required at any time enrollment is requested and twice annually ([42 U.S.C. § 11432 \(g\)\(3\)](#)).
- LEAs may not require completion of the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire for enrollment or eligibility determinations, as doing so may impose a barrier to the identification, immediate enrollment, and retention of students experiencing homelessness ([42 U.S.C. § 11432 \(g\)\(1\)\(I\)](#)).
- Parents, guardians, caregivers, and youth must be provided the opportunity to complete the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire and access the accompanying Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths at any point in the year ([42 U.S.C. § 11432 \(g\)\(1\)\(I\)](#)).
- The Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire and accompanying Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths must be included in all versions and formats of an LEA's enrollment tool. This includes physical and online formats ([42 U.S.C. § 11432 \(g\)\(1\)\(I\)](#)).
- LEAs must ensure that parents, guardians, caregivers, and youth receive the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire and accompanying Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths in a manner and form understandable to them, including, if necessary, in their native language ([42 U.S.C. § 11432 \(e\)\(3\)\(C\)\(iii\)](#)).

Please access the Word files for the Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire and the Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths below:

- [Arizona Student Residency Questionnaire](#)
- [Educational Rights of Homeless Children and Youths](#)