Interviewing Families/Students in possible Homeless Situations

Guiding Questions

*Inform parents and students that their right to privacy is important to us and answers are kept confidential. Information can only be shared with other ICCSD staff members who have an educational need to know. ICCSD staff cannot share given information about a student/families’ housing situation without written permission from a parent/legal guardian. Exceptions to this are if we suspect, hear, or see that someone has or wants to hurt themselves or someone else. As legal mandatory reporters we must report this to the appropriate authorities immediately. Homelessness is not a reportable offense.

1. Where are you currently living and for how long have you been residing here? Do you have a plan for how long you might stay at this residence?

2. What are the details of your living situation? Who are you currently living with: a parent, both parents, a relative, friends or other adults, an adult who is not a legal guardian?

3. Are you safe in your living situation? Any fear of possible violence to yourself or others?

4. In your/your child’s previous school did he/she receive any of the following support services: Special Education/Individualized Education Plan (IEP), Academically or Intellectually Gifted services, 504 Accommodation Plan, English Language Learner (ELL) services, help for behavior improvement, Tutoring Services, counseling services, mentoring services, other?

5. Are you working with any agency or person to help you right now? Would you like us to collaborate with them? If so you must sign an exchange/release of information.

6. At this time, what is the greatest need(s) for your child? School supplies, clothing, help for academic or behavior improvement, referral for free breakfast or lunch, additional food, medical or immunization referrals, mental health or counseling referral, dental referral, any other?

7. Review the McKinney-Vento brochure and confirm with them that they understand their rights.