**Implementation Date:**
Fiscal Year 1998-99
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| **Element Name:** | **Homeless Student, PK-12** |

### Definition/Domain

A code indicating whether or not a student is homeless as of survey week. Section 103(a)(1)(2) of the McKinney Homeless Assistance Act defines a Homeless individual as one who lacks a fixed, regular and adequate residence. Guidelines from the U. S. Department of Education describe the following situation in which a child or youth lacks a fixed, regular and adequate residence and is considered homeless:

Child/youth sleeps at night in a shelter for homeless people;

Child/youth sleeps at night in a shelter for runaway/homeless youth;

Child/youth sleeps at night in a shelter for victims of domestic violence;

Child/youth sleeps temporarily at night in the home of a relative or friend because of economic necessity;

Child/youth sleeps at night in a car, tent, park, abandoned building or other place not ordinarily used as a sleeping accommodation for human beings;

Child/youth sleeps at night in a shelter or other temporary arrangement awaiting institutionalization, adoption, foster care or other placement. The McKinney Act specifically excludes from the definition of homeless individuals any person who is imprisoned or otherwise detained for violation of an act of Congress or state law.

| CODE | DEFINITION |
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| Y | Yes |
| N | No |

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| **Length:** 1 | **Grades and Programs Requiring This Data Element:** | |
| **Format:** Alphabetic | All Programs Grades PK-12 | |
| **Compatibility Requirement**: Compatible | | |
| **Use Types:** | **State Reporting Formats Requiring This Data Element:** | |
| ☒ **State Report** | Student Demographic Information DB9 13x | |
| ☐ **Local Accountability** | | |
| ☐ **F.A.S.T.E.R.** | | |
| **Data Element Number:** 129525 | | |
| | **Reported in Survey Periods:** ☒ 1 ☒ 2 ☒ 3 ☒ 4 ☒ 5 ☐ 8 ☒ 9 | |