Question and Answer – April 2021

Below is a list of questions that were submitted during the Highly Mobile and At-Risk (HM&AR) presentation on Thursday, April 1st, 2021. The questions are listed by topic.

Student Data

Q1. How can staff from larger Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) gather data on their McKinney-Vento students?

> A. Staff can reach out to their LEA PEIMS Coordinator and/or supervisor to determine what McKinney-Vento reports are available, the data components and cadence for running these reports, and the process to receive these reports. Some reports may need a few modifications to meet your program data needs.

Q2. Is it possible to get grade-level information for certain student groups, i.e., those in foster care who are engaged, not engaged, and not contactable? How do we request reports like this?

> A. Yes, reach to your LEA PEIMS Coordinator or supervisor to determine the process for requesting data for highly mobile students and their level of engagement (Spring 2020 PEIMS indicators). Also, include in your request a list of specific data components you would like included in your report.

Q3. When it comes to evaluating the mobility of our students, how can neighboring LEAs partner together to meet the needs of highly mobile and at-risk students?

> A. You may consider reaching out to LEA Foster Care Liaisons or LEA McKinney-Vento Liaisons from neighboring LEAs and work in collaboration. The contact information for these points of contact is maintained in AskTED. Instructions in how to look up the information in AskTED are here. Additionally, each regional education service center (ESC) has a designated McKinney-Vento Liaison and Foster Care Champion that may host trainings and professional development opportunities for LEAs in your region. Contact the designated ESC staff members to see if there are opportunities for LEAs from your region to meet and discuss how to support highly mobile students in your area. ESC designated point of contact information for both McKinney-Vento and Foster Care is also listed in AskTED.

Q4. What does it mean for a student to be "at-risk?" Is this definition different from student groups such as foster care, homeless, military-connected, etc.?

> A. Yes, the at-risk identification occurs separately from other PEIMS identifications. A student is "at risk of dropping out of school" if they meet one of the 14 criteria under TEC 29.081. Depending on their status in PEIMS, some students automatically qualify as at-risk and should be coded as such. This includes students who have been identified as pregnant or a parent, homeless, limited English proficient, and in foster care.

Q5. Why was the migrant data excluded from the webinar report?

A. This program in no longer in the Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs Division. Please contact the TEA Migrant Program staff at migrant.ed@tea.texas.gov. They will be able to provide you more information about Migrant program data.

Q6. How do you find drop-out data from TEA?

A. You can search dropout and graduation rates on the District Snapshot Reports. Other reports also include this data. Contact TEA Accountability Research for more information.

Other

Q7. When will the Foster Care and Student Success Resource Guide be updated?

A. It will be released in the summer.

Q8. Where can I send questions related to program areas within the HM&AR division?

A. You can contact the program emails below:

- Foster Care & Student Success - FosterCareLiaison@tea.texas.gov
- Human Trafficking Prevention - PreventingHumanTrafficking@tea.texas.gov
- Mental and Behavioral Health - Julie.Wayman@tea.texas.gov
- Pregnancy Related Services - PregnancyRelatedServices@tea.texas.gov
- Military Connected Students - MilitaryConnectedStudents@tea.texas.gov
- Homeless Children and Youth - HomelessEducation@tea.texas.gov

Q9. How do I receive credit for this webinar? Will we get a certificate?

A. No, the HM&AR Division does not provide certificates for the division webinars. The purpose of the webinars is to update and inform education stakeholders of new resources and information. Past presentations are located on TEA's Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs website. TEA is grateful for your participation and commitment to serving highly mobile and at-risk students. Sign up for the HM&AR newsletter to stay informed of Division updates!

Q10. When are the next webinars?

A. The next HM&AR division webinar is scheduled for:
- Thursday, September 16th, 2021   1:00 - 2:30 pm CST   Register Here

Q11. How can I receive updates on HM&AR Programs?

A. Sign up for *all* of the HM&AR newsletters! Here is the recommended list:

- Highly Mobile & At-Risk Student Programs Division
- Mental and Behavioral Health
- Foster Care and Student Success
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education
- Military Connected Students