### TEA Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) Program

**McKinney-Vento 101** 

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### **Objectives and Outline**

To review the key requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and the roles and responsibilities of school districts and open-enrollment charter schools to support students experiencing homelessness.

- McKinney-Vento definition and data
- McKinney-Vento requirement for all LEAs
- McKinney-Vento implementation, identification, enrollment, and services
- TEHCY Program updates and resources



### **Common Terminology**

**McKinney-Vento** 

Refers to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

**Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) Program** 

Refers to the Texas McKinney-Vento program

**Students Experiencing Homelessness** 

Refers to McKinney-Vento eligible students

**Local Education Agencies (LEAs)** 

Refers to Texas public schools and open-enrollment charter schools

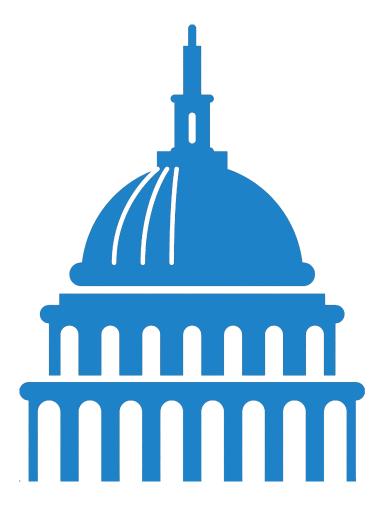


### McKinney-Vento Definitions and Requirements

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### **McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act**

- Ensures students have immediate and equal access to public education
- LEAs must review and revise policies to remove barriers to school enrollment and retention of homeless children and youth
- McKinney-Vento defines enrollment as attending classes and participating fully in school activities





#### Who is covered by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act?

Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth:

- Sharing the housing of other persons due to the loss of housing, economic hardship, or similar reason
- Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds, due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations
- Living in emergency or transitional shelters, or are abandoned in hospitals
- Living in a public or private place not designated for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings

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- Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
- Migratory children living in the above circumstances

[42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)]

• Unaccompanied youth includes a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian

[42 U.S.C § 11434a(6)]

### **McKinney-Vento Requirements for All LEAs**



Appoint a local McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison and ensure they have the capacity to carry out the duties listed in statute



Identify students experiencing homelessness



Enroll students experiencing homelessness immediately, even without required records



Make student records available in a timely manner



Provide services to students experiencing homelessness that are comparable to those offered to other students

### **McKinney-Vento Requirements for All LEAs**



Review and revise policies that may act as barriers to the enrollment of students experiencing homelessness



Continue the student's education in their school of origin



Provide School of Origin transportation if it is requested by a parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth and is in the best interest of the student

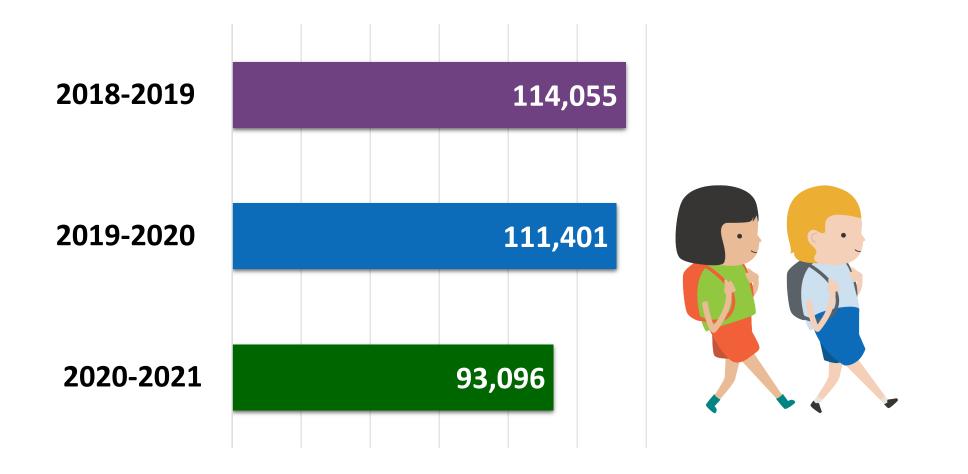


Provide written notice to parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth related to the appeal process if the LEA sends the student to a school other than the school requested



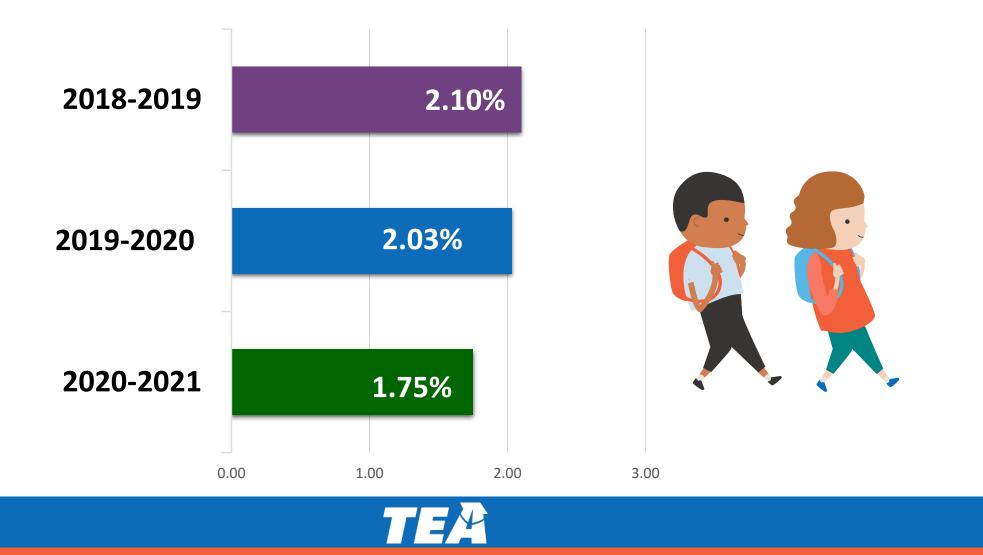
### **McKinney-Vento Statewide Data**

### 2019-2021 Statewide Data Homeless Student Identification

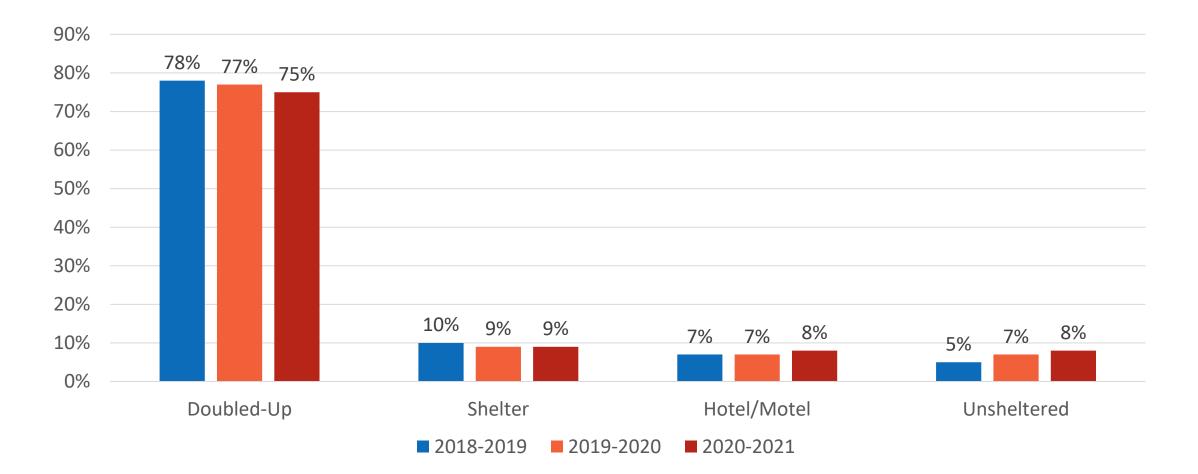




### 2019-2021 Statewide Data Homeless Student Identification



### **2019-2021 Statewide Homeless Data by Living Situation**

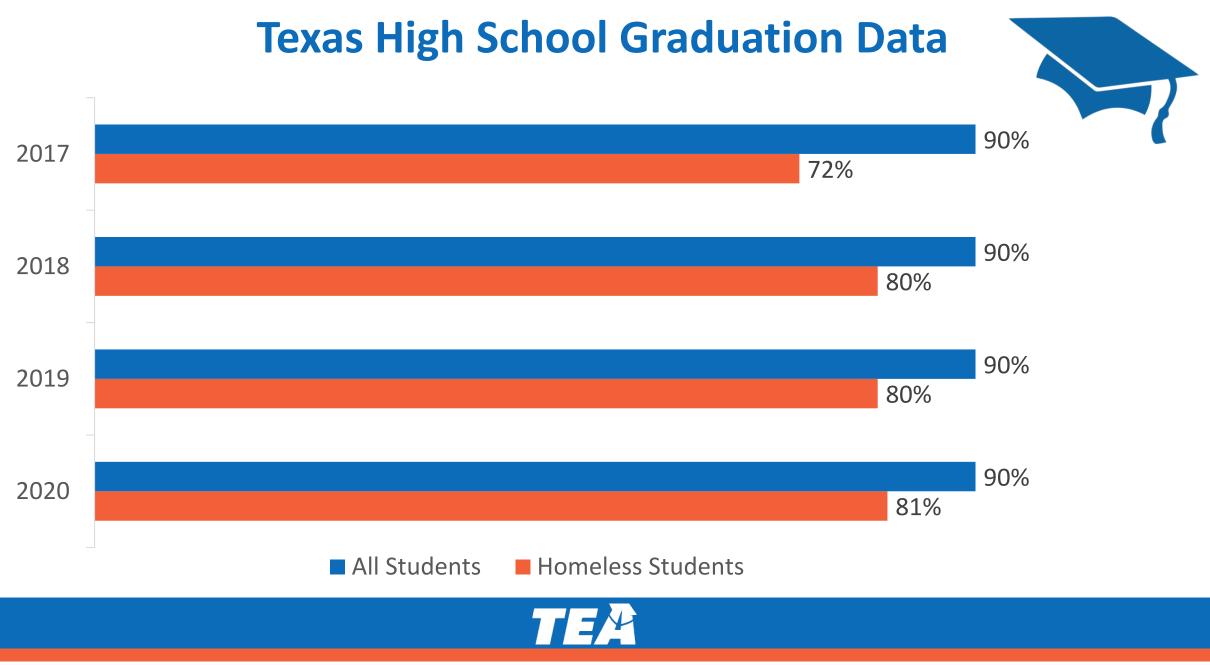


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### **Special Programs and Homeless Student Data**

Special Programs	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Special Education	14%	14%	16%
English Learners	18%	20%	20%
Migrant	1%	1%	1%





### Unaccompanied Homeless Student Enrollment in Texas Public Schools





### **Unaccompanied Youth Homeless Data by Living Situation**

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
Doubled-Up	80%	86%	87%	75%
Shelter	15%	10%	9%	9%
Hotel/Motel	1%	1%	1%	8%
Unsheltered	4%	3%	3%	8%

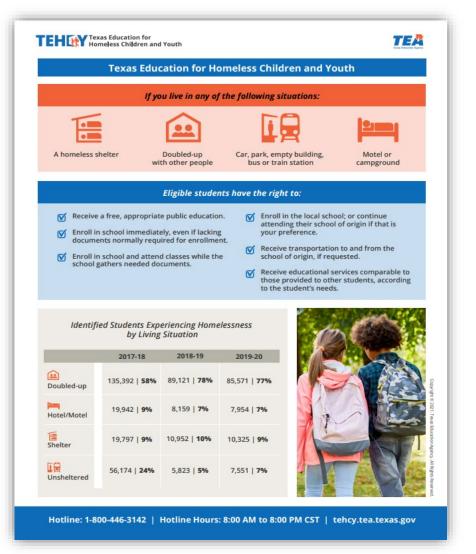


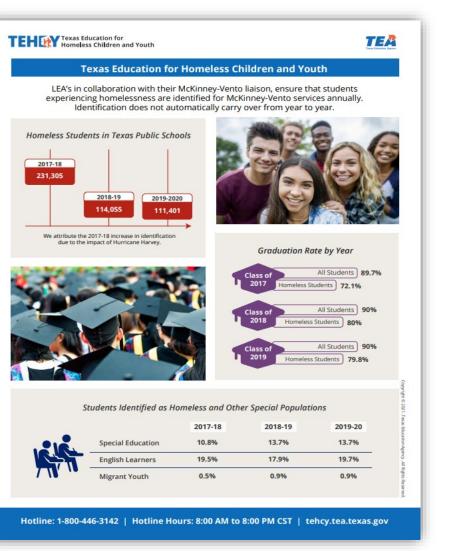
### **Homeless Data by Living Situation**

Living Situation	2019-2020	2020-2021	
Doubled-Up	77%	75%	
Shelter	9%	8%	
Hotel/Motel	7%	9%	
Unsheltered	7%	8%	



### 2018-2020 TEHCY Infographic







### **McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties**

### McKinney-Vento Liaisons Facilitate Identification of Students Experiencing Homelessness by Providing:







### **McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties**

## Liaisons must ensure that students experiencing homelessness:



Are identified collaboratively with school personnel, other organizations, and agencies



Are enrolled and provided equitable access to succeed in school

Have access to educational services for which they are eligible



Receive referrals for medical, dental, mental health, housing services, and other appropriate services (includes families)

### **McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties Cont.**

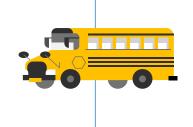
### Liaisons must ensure that:



McKinney-Vento posters are posted in locations frequented by students, parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth.



Enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with the requirements of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.



Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth are informed of all transportation services available, including school of origin transportation.



### **McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties Cont.**

### Liaisons must ensure that:



School personnel receive professional development and other support to ensure identification of McKinney-Vento eligible students.

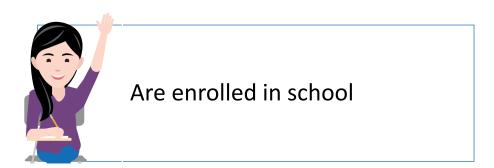


Parents or guardians of students experiencing homelessness are informed of the educational opportunities available to their students and provided opportunities to participate in their student's education.



# **McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties to Unaccompanied Homeless Youth**

## Liaisons must ensure that unaccompanied homeless youth:



Have opportunities to meet the same state academic standards as housed students.



Are informed of their independent status for the purpose of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).





All LEAs must designate a McKinney-Vento Liaison to carry out the duties listed in the federal McKinney-Vento Act.

LEAs must update the McKinney-Vento Liaison's contact information in AskTED and should review this information annually.

Districts submit their liaison information to TEA through the district's AskTED administrator. Charter schools submit their liaison information to the Charter School Division at TEA directly via (512) 463-9575 or <u>CharterSchools@tea.texas.gov</u>.

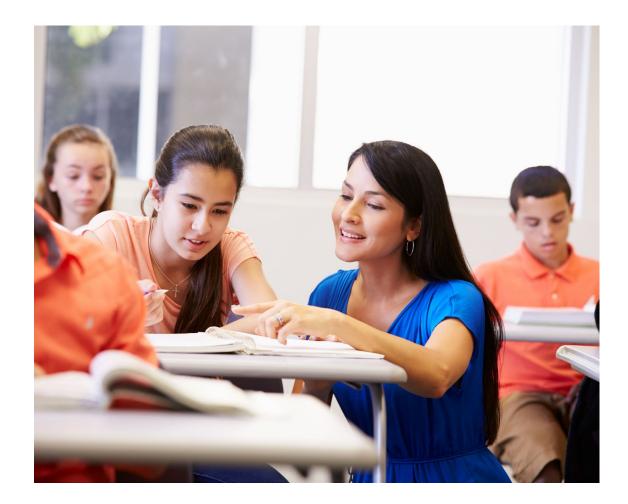
## McKinney-Vento Identification, Enrollment, and Services



### **McKinney-Vento Student Identification**

LEAs should have processes and strategies in place to identify students experiencing homelessness:

- Upon enrollment
- Anytime during the school year
- In the event of a natural disaster





### **McKinney-Vento Student Enrollment and Identification**



### Determination of McKinney-Vento Eligibility

### Assessment of Services



### **Immediate Enrollment**

# Students experiencing homelessness have the right to immediate school enrollment:

- Even if lacking paperwork normally required for enrollment
- Provisional enrollment without:
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  - **O Birth Certificates**
- Even if having missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness

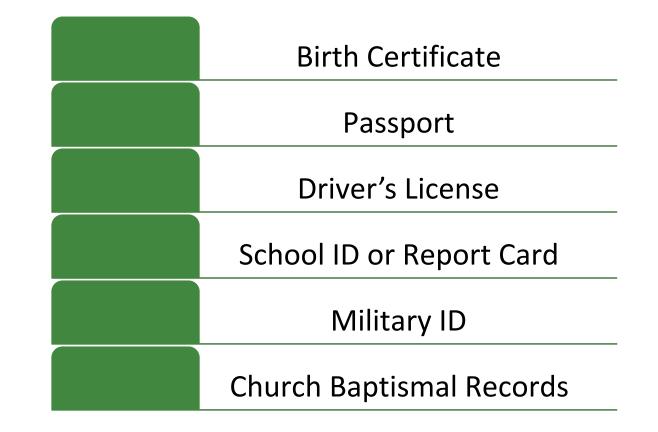


[42 U.S.C § 11432(g)(3)(C)(i)]



### **Provisional Enrollment for All Students**

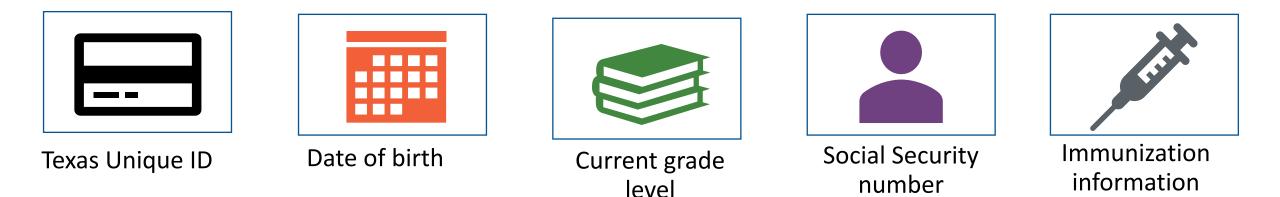
- A parent or legal guardian who is enrolling the student has up to 30 days from the date of enrollment to provide proof of the student's identity.
- Acceptable documentation to provide proof of identity and age include:





### **Provisional Enrollment with Incomplete School Records**

- When a student moves from one Texas public school district or charter school to another, student records must be transferred using the Texas Records Exchange (TREx) system within 10 working days of receiving the request.
- Some examples of records that are included in this request are:



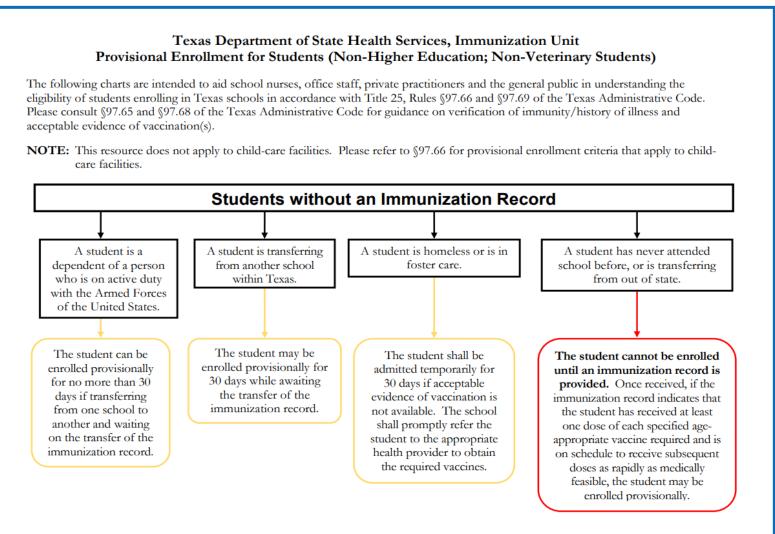
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### **Provisional Enrollment with Incomplete Immunizations**

- Students experiencing homelessness shall be admitted provisionally for 30 business days if acceptable evidence of immunizations is not available.
- LEAs must refer the parent or guardian to the local health authority, community health providers, or other community resources to obtain required immunizations.



### **Immunization – Provisional Enrollment Resource**



For more information, please contact the Immunization Unit at (800) 252-9152 or visit https://www.dshs.texas.gov/immunize/.



### **State School Selection Provision**

- In Texas, we have a state school selection provision: TEC § 25.001(b)(5).
- If a family is homeless, they can select to enroll in any LEA in the state.
- Students experiencing homelessness would be enrolling under the state provision.
  - The McKinney-Vento Liaison will assist in selecting the campus that best meets the needs of students experiencing homelessness.
  - McKinney-Vento transportation does not apply.







# Determining Eligibility

### Sample SRQ and Intake Form

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Non-emergency housing referral						
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Parent education: Community Ed/ESL						
Parent education: FiT Letter/Pamphlet						
Referrals: medical, dental, other						
School records						
School supplies						_
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#### Sample: Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ)

#### Best practice to determine McKinney-Vento eligibility

Available in a digital and paper format

# SRQ's completed throughout the school year

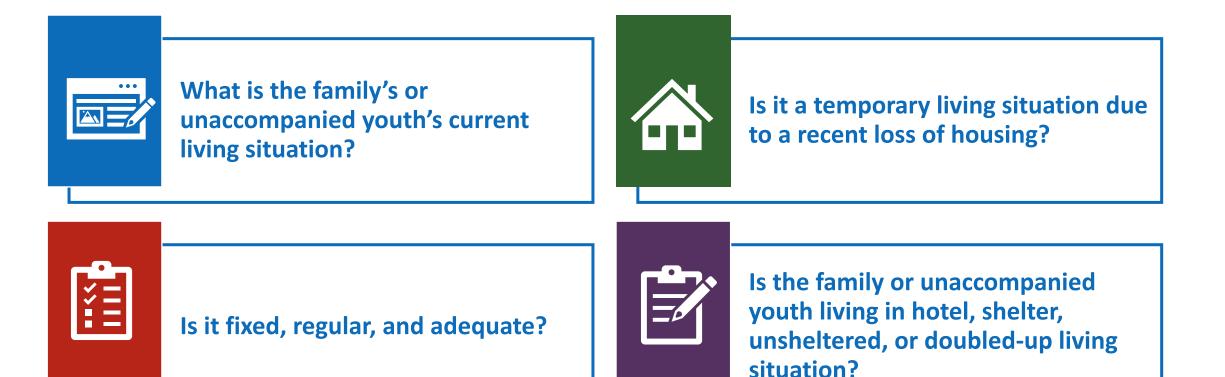
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Economic hardship		
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Other (Please explain, i.e., substar	ndard housing)	
Are you a student living apart from yo	our parents or guardia	nns? 🗌 Yes 🗌 No
Signature of Parent/Guardian/Unacco	ompanied Youth/Scho	ol Representative Date

SAMPLE – STUDENT RESIDENCY OUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION FORM



### **SRQ and Intake Process: Assess McKinney-Vento Eligibility**

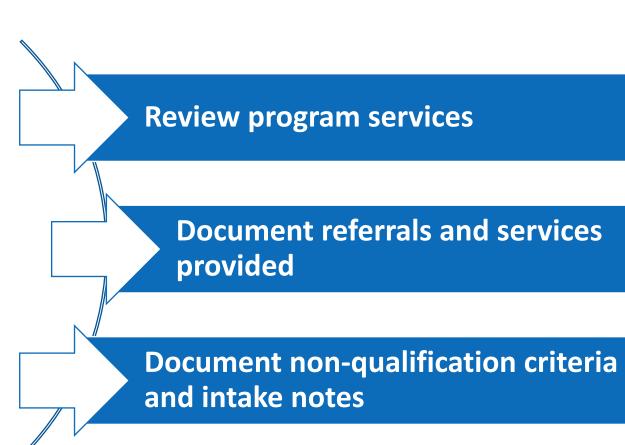
Once the family or unaccompanied youth has completed an SRQ, the McKinney-Vento Liaison will proceed with determining eligibility by assessing the following:





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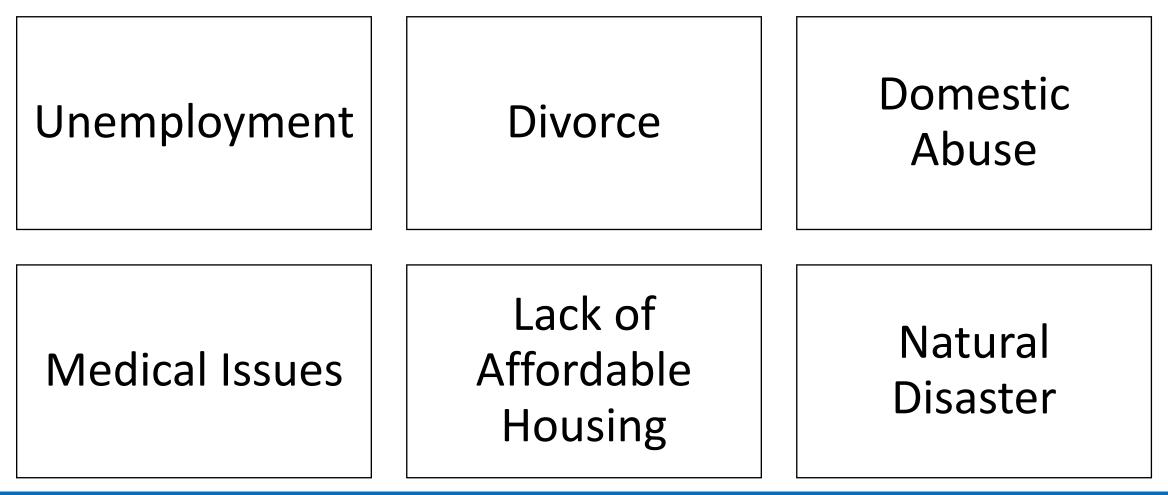
### **Sample Intake Form – Page 2**



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Assist w/participation in Title I Parent Programs		
Birth certificate		
Basic needs/Hygiene kit		
Community agency referral		
Consultation with McKinney-Vento staff		
Emergency clothing or referral		
Emergency food or referral		
Emergency shelter referral		
Emergency utility assistance referral		
Enrollment assistance		
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### **Events That May Lead to Loss of Housing**

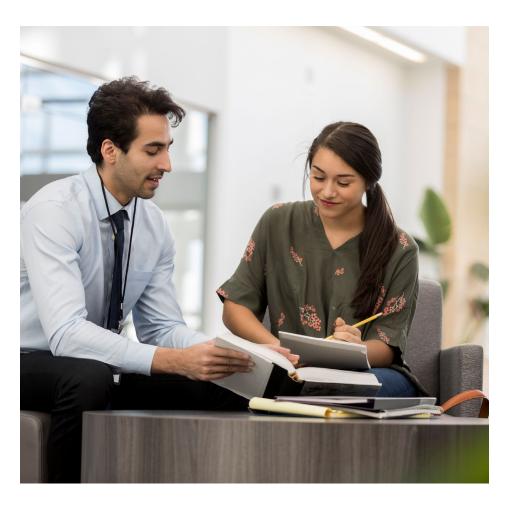




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### **Identification of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth**

- Review each situation on a case-by-case basis
- Review their living situation and nighttime residency
- Student must be BOTH unaccompanied AND experiencing homelessness

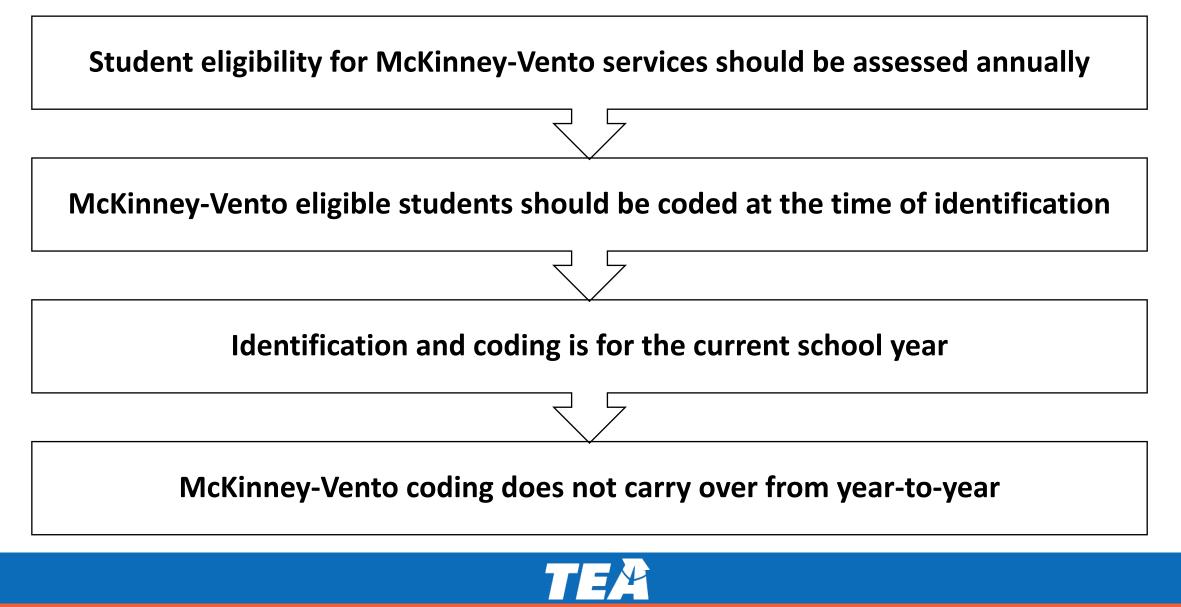


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# **Student Coding**

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### **McKinney-Vento Student Coding**



### **TSDS PEIMS Homeless Status Codes**

Code Table Id	Name	XML Name	Date Issued	Date Updated
C189	HOMELESS-STATUS-CODE	TX-HomelessStatusType	03/01/2012	3/1/2017
Code		Translation		
0	Student is not homeless at any time dur	ing current school year		
2	Student lives temporarily doubled-up (sh	naring residence with a family or individual) at a	ny time during current	school year:
	<b>Doubled-Up</b> (e.g., living with another fan hardship, or a similar reason. This classi	nily) is defined as sharing the housing of other p fication requires a case-by-case determination.	persons due to loss of h	nousing, economic
3	Student is <b>unsheltered</b> (i.e, lives on the abandoned buildings) at any time during	street, lives in cars, parks, campgrounds, temp current school year:	orary trailers [including	FEMA trailers], or
	sleeping accommodation for human bein lack an alternative accommodation), tem abandoned buildings, and substandard h	sidence that is a public or private place not des gs. It includes such places as cars, parks, cam porary trailers (if they live there because they la ousing. Substandard housing may be determin tion as to whether the accommodation is a "fixe	apgrounds (if they live thack an alternative accorned by local building co	nere because they nmodation), des, community
4	Student lives in motel or hotel at any tim	ne during current school year:		
		e considered homeless if they reside there beca ave a "fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime re		housing, lack an
5	Student lives in a shelter, transitional ho	using at any time during current school year:		
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### **TSDS PEIMS Unaccompanied Youth Code**

Code Table Id	Name	XML Name	Date Issued	Date Updated
C192	UNACCOMPANIED-YOUTH-CODE	TX-UnaccompaniedYouthStatusType	03/01/2012	8/31/2015
Code		Translation		
3	Homeless student is in the physical custo school year.	ody of a parent or legal guardian (i.e., homeless	s student is not unaccon	npanied) for the entire
4	Homeless student is not in the physical of during the school year.	custody of a parent or legal guardian (i.e., home	eless student is unaccon	npanied) at any time



### **Notification of McKinney-Vento Student Eligibility**

McKinney-Vento Liaisons should implement processes and procedures to ensure all identified McKinney-Vento students have been coded for all appropriate services in a timely manner by:

Providing registrars or other designated contacts an email notification with the appropriate "homeless status" and "At-Risk" indicator code in TSDS PEIMS

Informing designated Food Services contacts to code all eligible students for "free meal"

status





### **Review Accuracy of McKinney-Vento Coding**

Develop, review, and monitor program reports to ensure accurate and timely coding of:

- Student eligibility criteria
- Date of qualification
- At-Risk status
- Unaccompanied Youth status (if applicable)
- Review McKinney-Vento program reports to monitor student enrollment, coding, and services on a regular basis.
- Develop processes and procedures to address and correct any coding errors throughout the school year.



# **McKinney-Vento Transportation**

### **Transportation Requirements for all LEAs**

Transportation must be provided to and from the school of origin at the request of the parent or guardian, or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, at the request of the local liaison [42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g) (1)(J)(iii)].

- Students experiencing homelessness are eligible for school of origin transportation
- Collaboration must occur between LEAs to arrange transportation
- LEAs must agree on a method to share the responsibility and costs



### **Best Interest Determination**

#### In determining best interest, the local education agency shall:

- Presume that keeping a child or youth in their School of Origin is in the child's or youth's best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth.
- Consider student-centered factors related to the child's or youth's best interest, including factors related to the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety, giving priority to the request of the parent guardian, or unaccompanied youth. [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(b)]



### **Duration of School of Origin Rights**

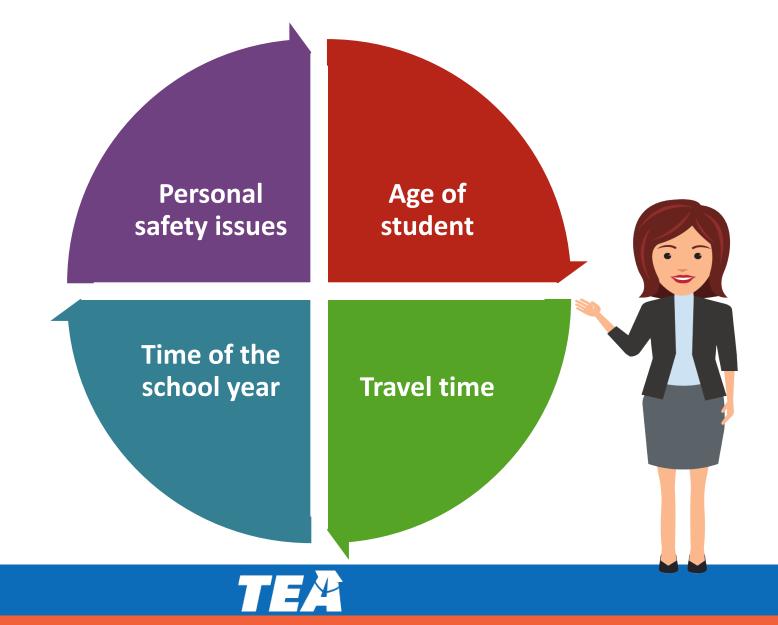
Homeless children and youth have the right to attend their School of Origin for the duration of homelessness:

- In any case in which a family becomes homeless between academic years or during an academic year.
- For the remainder of the academic year, if the child or youth becomes permanently housed during an academic year.

[41 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(A)(i)(II)]



### **School of Origin Considerations**



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- Develop LEA policies and procedures to support implementation of School of Origin transportation services
- Partner with neighboring LEAs to coordinate out of district transportation services
- Monitor transportation services regularly to ensure continuity of services
- Provide busing information and any new student or family contact information to the appropriate campus and LEA contact

#### Sample School of Origin Transportation Letter

- Student information
- Busing information
- "No Call" guidance
- McKinney-Vento and

transportation program contact

#### information



#### SAMPLE TRANSPORTATION LETTER

#### McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program School of Origin Transportation Request

Date

Dear Parent or Guardian of (Student's Full Name)

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program at (District Name) has received and approved your request for School of Origin transportation services for your child.

[	Name	ID#	Grade	School of Origin
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All students must be at the designated morning bus stop five minutes prior to (Morning bus pick-up time).

Your child's bus number is (Bus number) for morning transportation services and (Bus number) for afternoon transportation services.

If your child will not be at their designated morning bus stop, please contact the district Transportation Department by 5:30 AM at <u>(Transportation contact information)</u>.

If you do not have access to a phone and know your child will not need bus services, please send a note with your child and the appropriate campus staff member will notify the Transportation Department.

#### Consequences of NO CALL

1 <sup>st</sup> NO CALL	Transportation personnel will contact parent or guardian to determine if transportation services are still needed.
2 <sup>nd</sup> NO CALL	Transportation personnel will contact parent or guardian to determine if transportation services are still needed.
3 <sup>rd</sup> NO CALL	McKinney-Vento Liaison notifies parent or guardian that transportation services will be placed on hold and assess if School of Origin transportation services need to be adjusted or discontinued.

Please let me know if you need any additional information or have any questions.

Thank you,

Name (LEA Designated McKinney-Vento Liaison) Title District Address Phone Number Email Address



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### **McKinney-Vento Post Secondary Planning and Support**



School counselors must assist students experiencing homelessness with college preparation and readiness

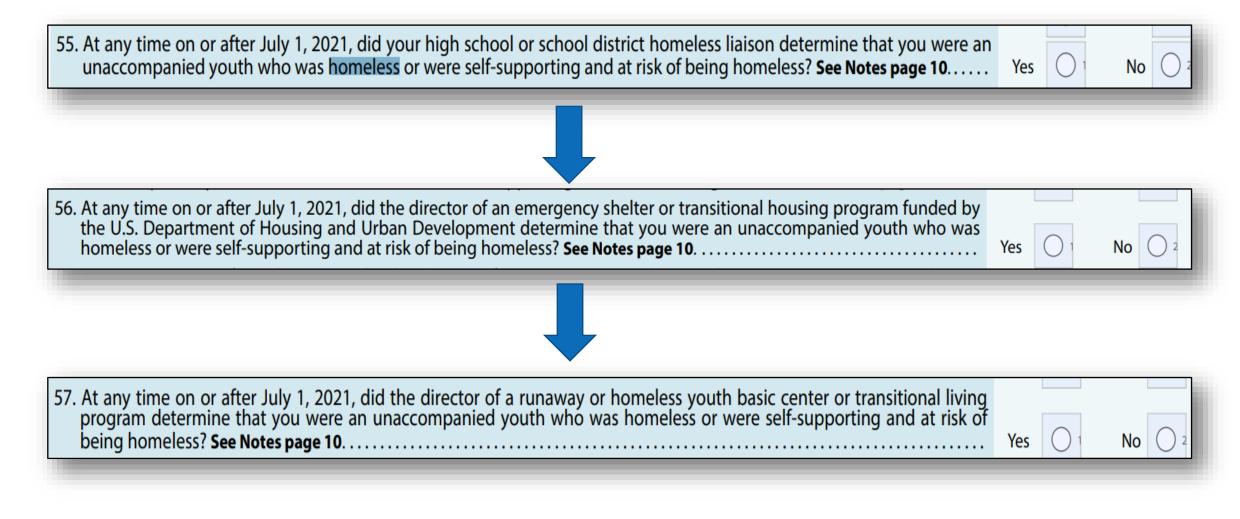
[42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(K)]

Local liaisons must inform unaccompanied youth about their independent student status on the FAFSA and assist with verification of the status

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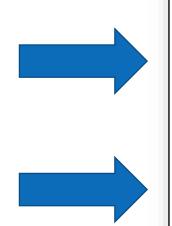


## **FAFSA and McKinney-Vento**





### **FAFSA and McKinney-Vento**



#### Notes for questions 55–57 (page 5)

Answer "**Yes**" if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2021, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless.

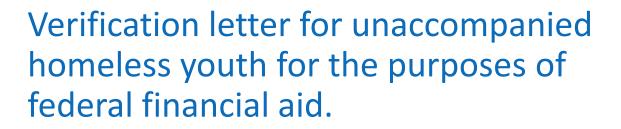
- "Homeless" means lacking fixed, regular and adequate housing. You
  may be homeless if you are living in shelters, parks, motels, hotels,
  public spaces, camping grounds, cars, abandoned buildings, or
  temporarily living with other people because you have nowhere else
  to go. Also, if you are living in any of these situations and fleeing an
  abusive parent, you may be considered homeless even if your parent
  would otherwise provide a place to live.
- "Unaccompanied" means you are not living in the physical custody of your parent or guardian.

Answer "**No**" if you are not homeless or at risk of being homeless, or do not have a determination. However, even if you answer "**No**" to each of questions 55, 56, and 57, you should contact the financial aid administrator at the college you plan to attend if you are either (1) homeless and unaccompanied or (2) at risk of being homeless, unaccompanied, and providing for your own living expenses - as your college financial aid office can determine that you are "homeless" and are not required to provide parental information.

The financial aid administrator at your college may require you to provide a copy of the determination if you answered "**Yes**" to any of these questions.



#### **Sample FAFSA Verification Form**





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#### SAMPLE FAFSA VERIFICATION FORM

Verification Letter for Unaccompanied Homeless Youth for the Purposes of Federal Financial Aid

Student Name: (Student's Full Name)

DOB: (Month/Date/Year)

SSN: (###-##-###)

I am providing this letter of verification as the (District Name) McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison.

As per the College Cost Reduction and Access Act (Public Law 110-84), I am authorized to verify this student's living situation. Should you have additional questions or need more information about this student, please contact me at the number listed below.

This letter is to confirm that (Student's Full Name) was an unaccompanied homeless youth after July 1, (Current School Year).

This means that, after July 1, (<u>Current School Year</u>), (<u>Student's Full Name</u>) was living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Name (LEA Designated McKinney-Vento Liaison) Title District Address Phone Number Email Address

Signature:





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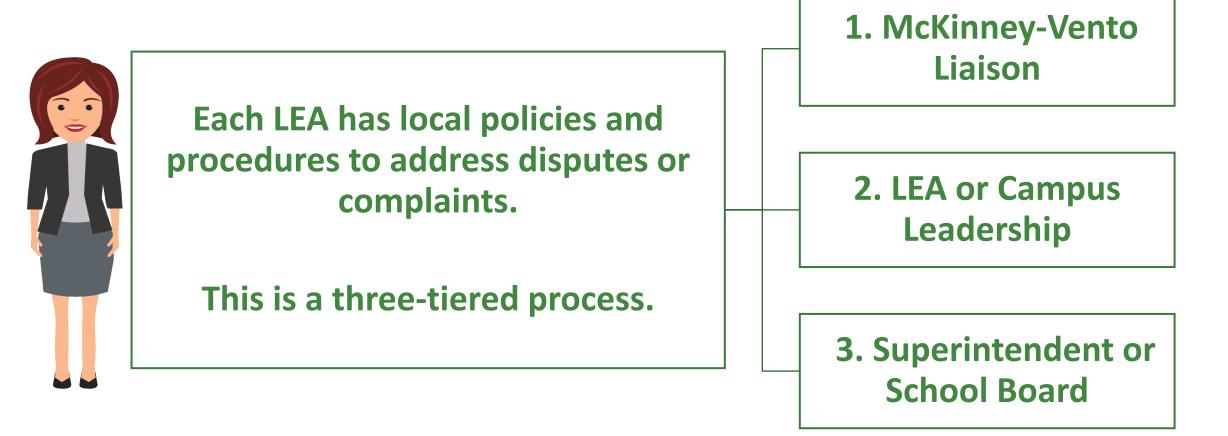


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# Dispute Resolution

### McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Process for Eligibility, Enrollment, and School Selection





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McKinney-Vento liaison must provide the parent, guardian or unaccompanied youth a written notice including:

- an explanation of the decision regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment, and
- the right of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal or dispute the decision.



Once the enrollment decision is made, the LEA's McKinney-Vento Liaison will ensure that the notice:

- Includes an explanation of the reasons for the determination
- Includes a description of the appeals process, appeal timelines, and information on how and to whom to appeal the decision
- Is provided to the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth promptly in a way that is understandable

#### TEA McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Process and FAQ Resources

- If a dispute is not resolved locally, a complaint may then be filed with TEA.
- Only disputes that have gone through all three levels of the local dispute process will be reviewed by TEA.
- TEAs decisions regarding McKinney-Vento disputes are final.



#### Home / Texas Schools / Support for At Risk Schools & Students

#### McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act (Act) provides important protections and rights for homeless children and unaccompanied homeless youth. Pursuant to the Act, students experiencing homelessness must be immediately enrolled in the school of origin or the school in the attendance zone where the student currently resides. Disagreements over eligibility, school selection, or enrollment may be disputed. If a dispute arises the child or youth must be immediately enrolled in the school of origin or school located in the child's attendance zone, as requested by the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth, pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals.

McKinney-Vento (MV) disputes should be resolved locally, whenever possible and must go through the local McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution process. To learn more about filing a dispute within a district, please consult with the District McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison. The Homeless Liaison is available to assist homeless students and families with filing an appeal and navigating the dispute resolution process. If a resolution is not reached locally, then MV disputes may be submitted to TEA.

MV disputes should be expedited and resolved promptly to meet federal requirements. Districts have a responsibility to ensure that local timelines in the district's complaint policies are expedited, whenever possible, to meet the U.S. Department of Education and the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) expectation of prompt dispute resolution.

#### McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

#### What happens after TEA receives a complaint?

Once a complaint is received, TEA will notify the district homeless liaison that a complaint was filed and
request that all related documentation, including the dispute resolution record and any other information
the school board used in its decision-making, is submitted to the TEA within five business days.

#### How soon will TEA make a decision?

The TEA homeless education coordinator, or designee, along with the appropriate agency director, shall
make a final decision within 20 business days upon receipt of the full record from the LEA and any additional
records required by TEA to review the dispute.

#### How will the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth be notified of TEA's decision?

 TEA's written decision will be sent by letter electronically and in hard copy to the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth who filed the complaint; the local school district's homeless liaison; and the local superintendent.

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#### Related Content

#### About Education of Homeless Students

Title X, Part C: McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

#### Contact Information

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#### **Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Resources**

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ADMISSIONS HOMELESS STUDENTS FDC (EXHIBIT)

#### Exhibit B—Notice of Parent and Student Rights in the McKinney-Vento Enrollment Dispute Resolution Process

This document provides school district personnel with information regarding McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution procedures, including local and state expectations for processing a dispute. It should be used in conjunction with a district's policies and procedures addressing McKinney-Vento, including the district's local policy on homeless students at FDC(LOCAL), the district's McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Form at FDC(EXHIBIT), and the district's local policy on student and parent complaints at FNG(LOCAL). McKinney-Vento disputes should be expedited and resolved promptly to meet federal requirements. Districts have a responsibility to ensure that local timelines in the district's complaint policies are expedited, whenever possible, to meet the Texas Education Agency's (TEA) expectation of prompt dispute resolution. This document is the result of collaboration between TEA and the Texas Association of School Boards.

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ("Act") provides important protections and rights for homeless children and unaccompanied homeless youth. The Act provides direction for districts when disputes occur regarding student eligibility, school selection, or enrollment. This document only addresses disputes regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment, since those are the only issues subject to the dispute resolution provisions of the Act. [See FNG(LOCAL) for all other disputes regarding homeless students.]

This document provides information about the dispute resolution process should the parent, guardian, or an unaccompanied youth disagree with a district's determination of eligibility, school selection, or enrollment. Upon dispute of eligibility, school selection, or enrollment, a school district must immediately enroll a homeless child in the school of origin, unless the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth selects the school located in the attendance zone where the student temporarily resides. In determining the best interest of the child, the district shall presume that keeping the student in his or her school of origin is in the student's best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth. The district shall also consider the impact of moving schools on achievement, education, health, and safety. In <u>addition</u> the district must provide transportation to and from the school of origin. The student shall remain attending the school in which enrollment is sought, pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals.

#### Who at the district makes the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision?

A district's enrollment staff will gather and analyze information from the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth and make a determination of eligibility.

#### What type of notice will the parent, guardian, or an unaccompanied youth receive about a district's enrollment decision if the district determines that the student is not eligible for enrollment?

The district must provide the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth with a written notice that includes an explanation of the decision regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment, and the right of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal or dispute the decision.

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# Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) Grant and Program Resources

### **McKinney-Vento 101 Resources**

- October 19<sup>th</sup> Webinar Recording and Slide Deck
- Sample Student Residency Questionnaire
- Sample Intake Form
- Immunization Flow Chart
- Sample Transportation Letter
- Dispute Resolution Resources
- Posters
- Infographic

#### McKinney-Vento 101 Resources

McKinney-Vento 101 Webinar - October 19, 2021 (YouTube Video) McKinney-Vento 101 Webinar - October 19, 2021 (PDF) Sample Student Residence Questionnaire (PDF) Sample Intake Form (PDF) Immunization Flow Chart (PDF) Sample Transportation Letter (PDF) Sample FAFSA Verification Form (PDF) Dispute Resolution (PDF)

#### **Homeless Student Identification Data**

Every LEA must identify students experiencing homelessness within their district. This process must be done regularly and in a way that is auditable. In Texas, most districts choose to use a student residency questionnaire to help determine whether or not students qualify as homeless under the McKinney-Vento Act.

2018-2020 TEHCY Program Infographic (PDF)

2017-2019 TEHCY Program Infographic (PDF)

The Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) Program Infographic summarizes identification and graduation data for students experiencing homelessness enrolled in Texas public schools for the 2018, 2019, and 2020 school years.



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#### **McKinney-Vento Posters**

### **McKinney-Vento Poster Updates**

- ESC McKinney-Vento Liaisons will be distributing the posters to every LEA in their region.
- For additional poster requests contact your **Regional McKinney-Vento Liaison**
- McKinney-Vento requirement: Public notice of educational rights of homeless children and youth is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youth, and unaccompanied youth.

42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)(A)(vi)



M Enroll in the local school: or continue attending their school of origin if that is your preference.

Receive transportation to and from the school

Receive educational services comparable to

those provided to other students, according to

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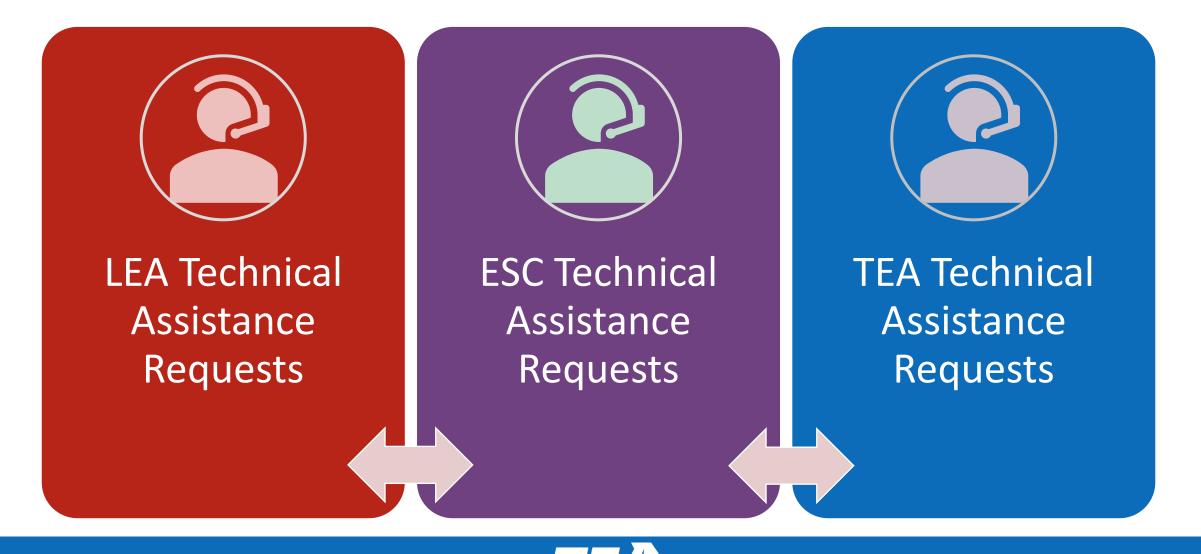
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#### **TEHCY Program Technical Assistance Process**



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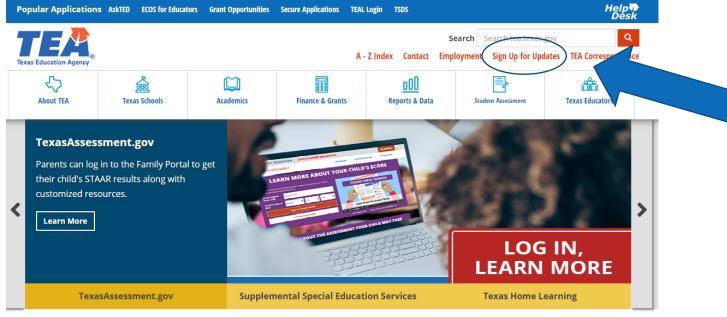
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### **TEHCY Upcoming Trainings and Events**

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McKinney-Vento 101	Tuesday, September 27 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:30 am	MCRIMME LEC MCL	
ARP Homeless II Coffee Chat (invitation only)	Thursday, October 6 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 – 11:00 am	HC,	
ACET Conference, Corpus Christi	Wednesday, October 19 <sup>th</sup> 3:45 – 4:45 pm	NAEHCY Conference San Diego, CA October 29 <sup>th</sup> – November 1 <sup>st</sup> Allowable use of grant funds.	
TEHCY/ARP Homeless I Coffee Chat (invitation only)	Tuesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 10:00 am		
AMET Conference, San Marcos	November 16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> TBD		



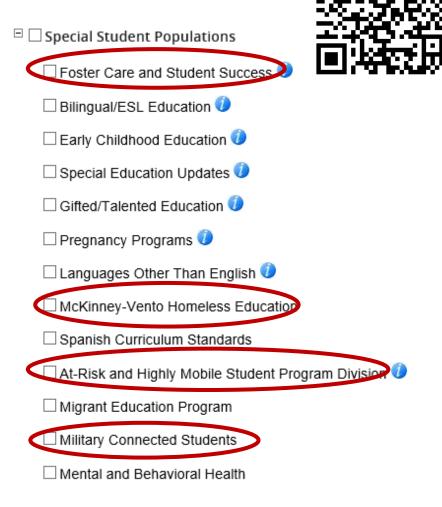
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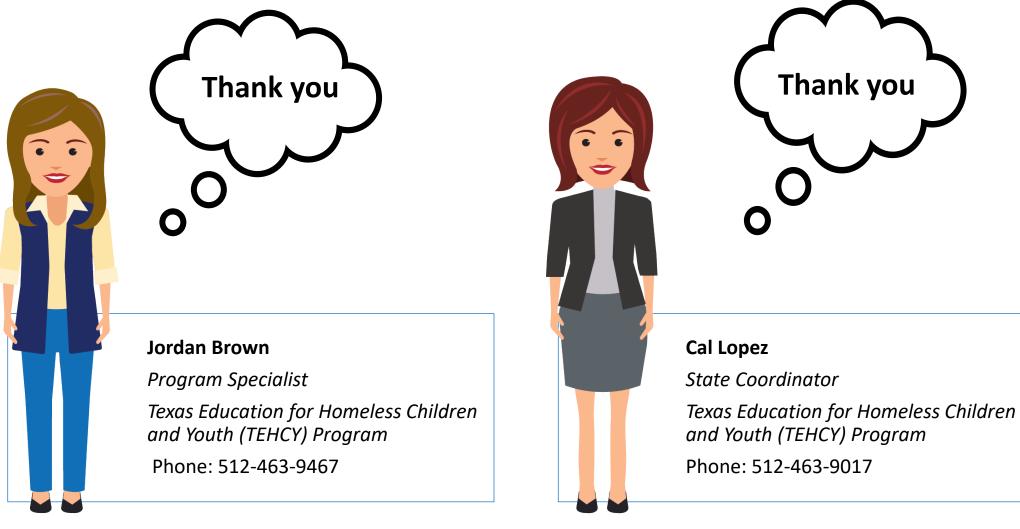








#### **Thank You for Attending our Session**



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## Thank you!

We will be sending a feedback survey to all attendees. Your input and feedback are valuable to support the improvement of current McKinney-Vento 101 training and the development of new McKinney-Vento trainings.



