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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

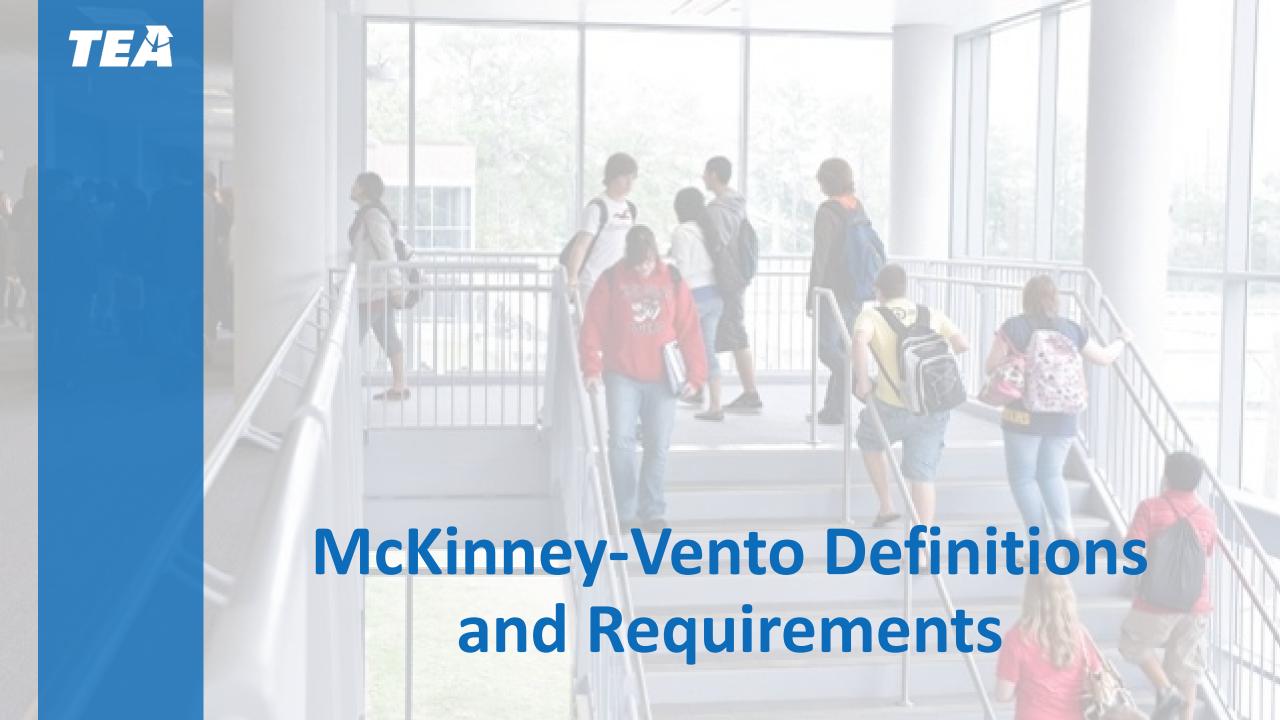
#### **Students Experiencing Homelessness**

Refers to McKinney-Vento eligible students

#### **Local Education Agencies (LEAs)**

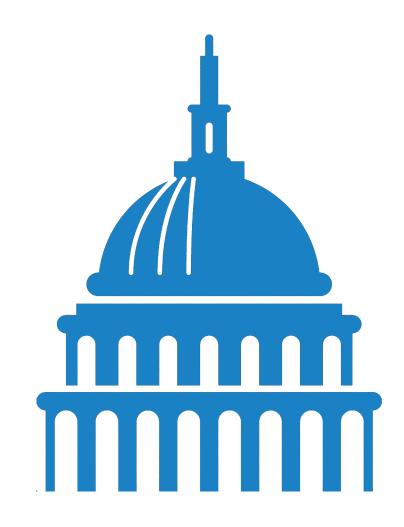
Refers to Texas public schools and open-enrollment charter schools





### **McKinney-Vento 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

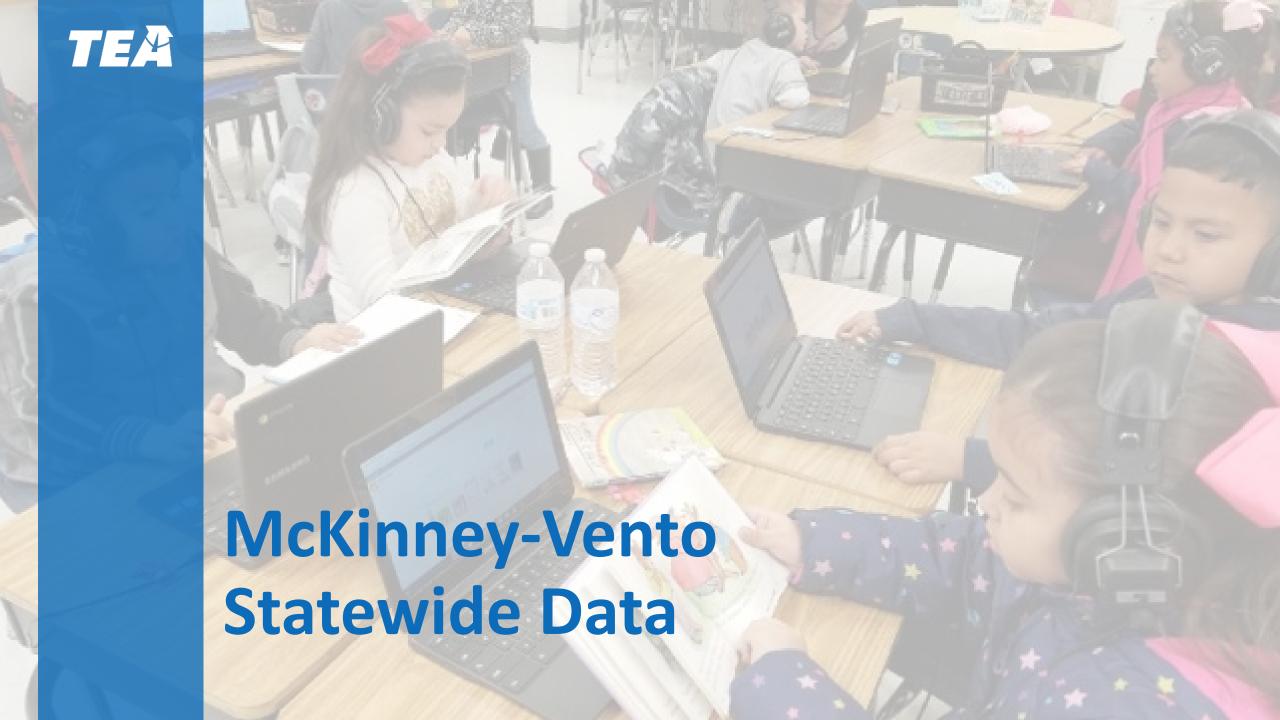


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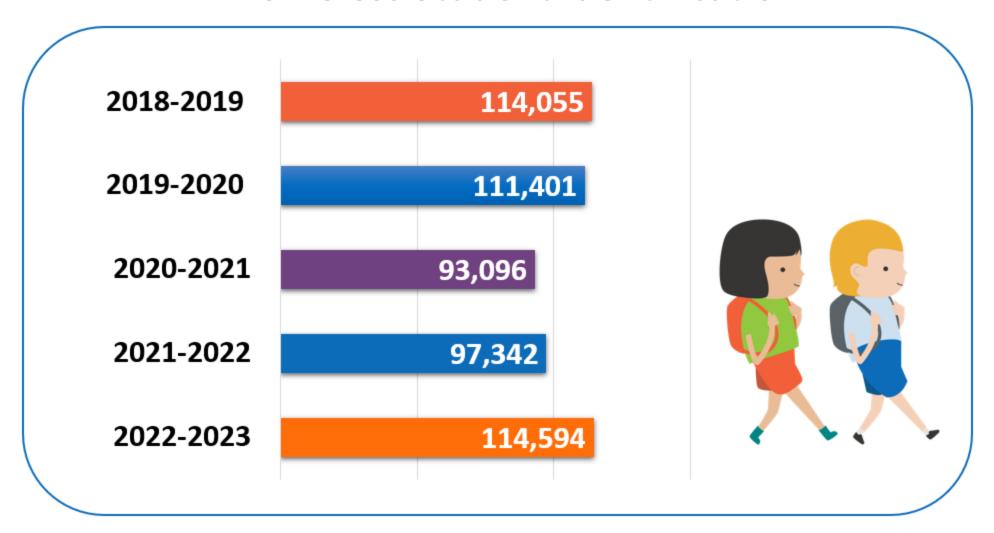






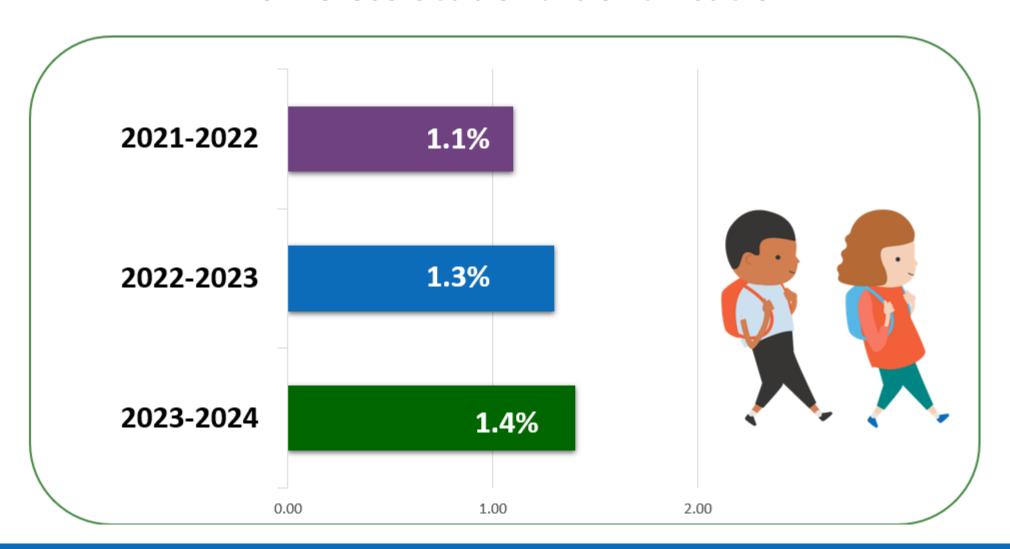


# 2018-2023 Statewide Data Homeless Student Identification



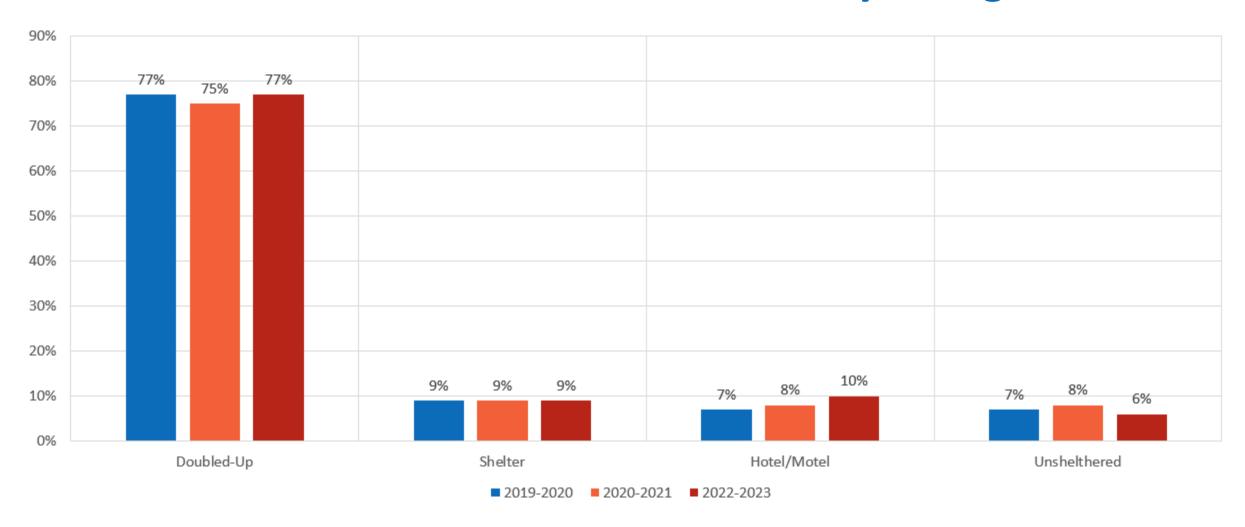


# 2021-2024 Statewide Data Homeless Student Identification





# 2019-2023 Statewide Homeless Data by Living Situation



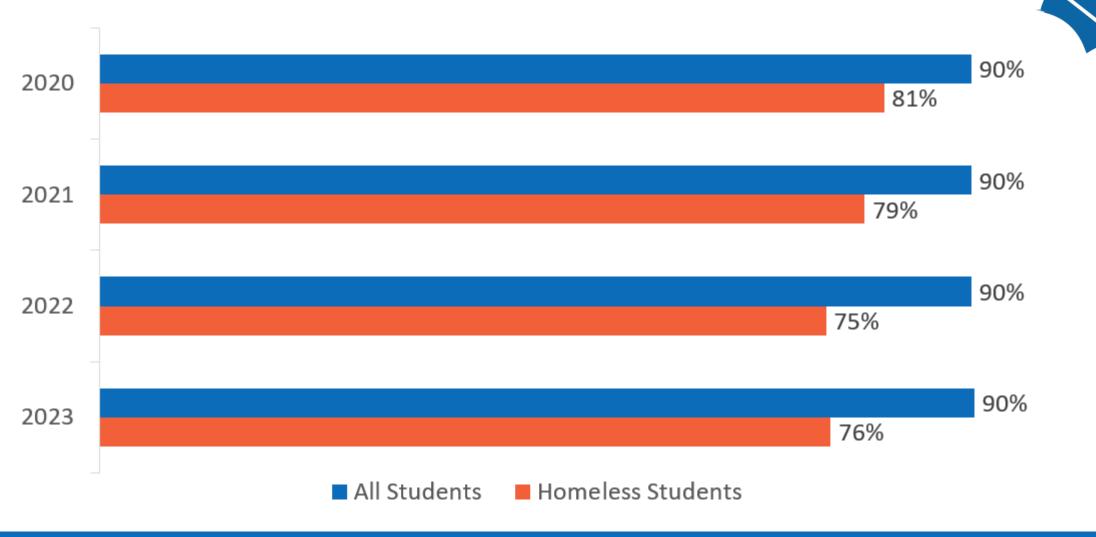


## **Special Programs and Homeless Student Data**

Special Programs	2019-2020	2020-2021	2022-2023
Special Education	14%	16%	17%
Emergent Bilinguals	20%	20%	24%
Migrant	1%	1%	1%

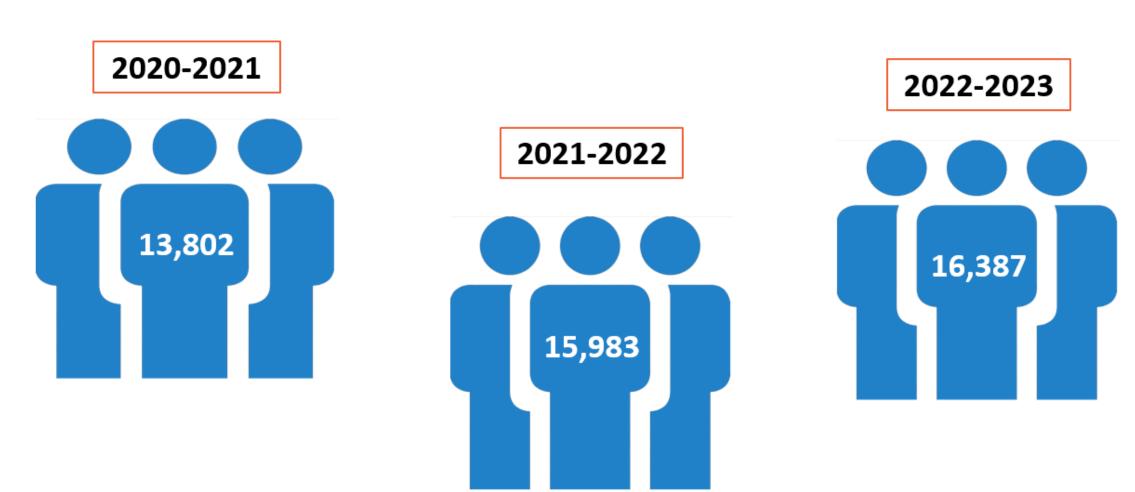


## **Texas High School Graduation Data**





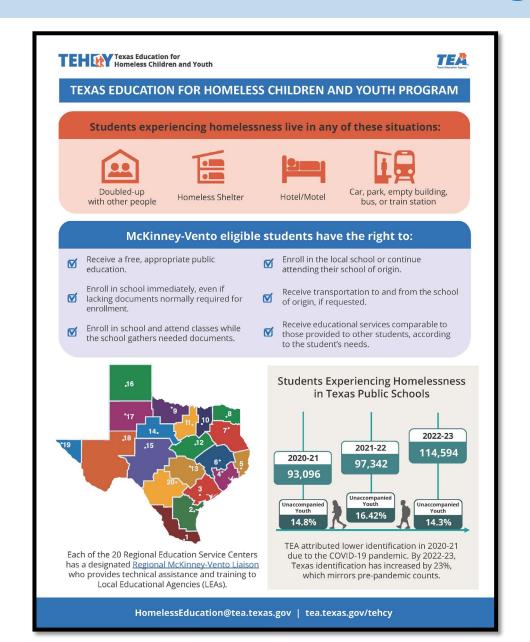
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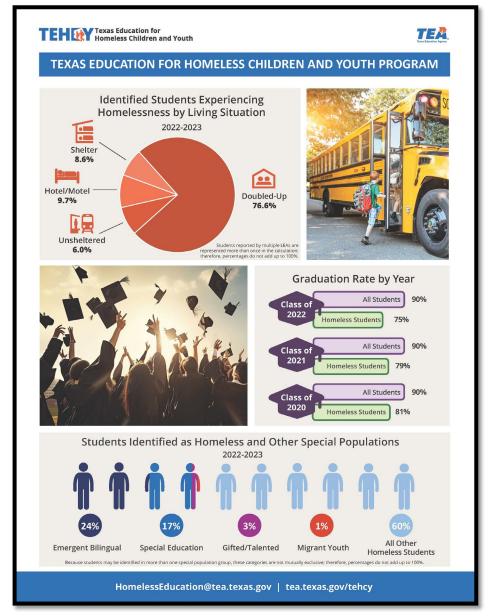






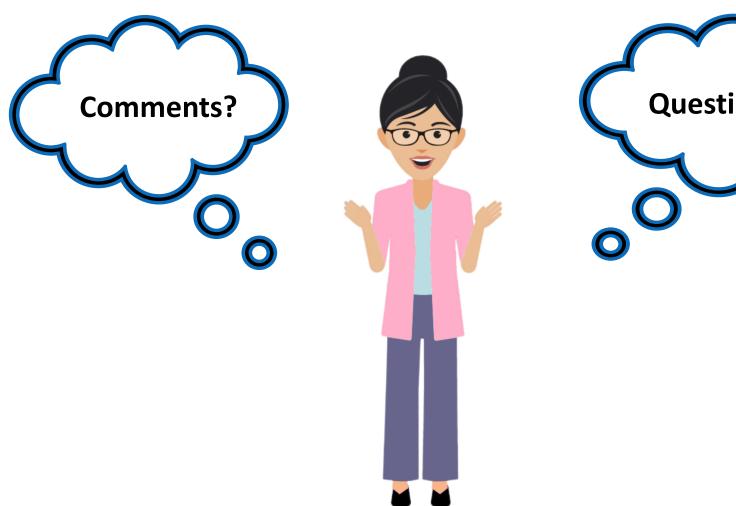
### 22-23 TEHCY Infographic for 2024 SY







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### 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.

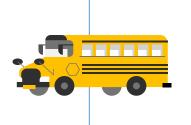
#### Liaisons must ensure that:



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:



Are enrolled in school.



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).



#### **AskTED**

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



LEAs must ensure their designated Liaison's contact information in AskTED is up to date throughout the school year.

Districts submit their liaison information to TEA through the district's AskTED administrator.

Charter schools submit their liaison information to TEA's Charter School Division directly CharterSchools@tea.texas.gov



#### \*\* New Tool \*\*

## AskTED Navigation & Locating LEA McKinney-Vento Liaisons

Highly Mobile and At-Risk (HMAR) Programs | TEA's AskTED Database System



#### Introduction

AskTED is an online directory of Texas school information, including charter schools. The directory is primarily used by people seeking contact information for schools, districts, and education service centers. AskTED is a real-time database that is updated regularly by Texas LEAs.



To that end, Texas School Districts and Open-Enrollment Charter Schools are required to have both Homeless and Foster Care Liaisons as individual designated roles for all LEAs. The information must be maintained and stored in AskTED. It is important for LEAs to keep this information regularly updated, so that McKinney-Vento and Foster Care Liaison information is publicly available, and these points of contacts are available to support students and remove barriers related to school transitions and

#### Submitting or Updating Liaison Information

Each LEA needs to ensure the contact information for their designated liaison is current and up to date throughout the school year. When information needs to be updated (e.g., change of designated staff, phone number, or email address), these changes need to be submitted to the AskTED database.

- · For school districts, changes and/or submissions will be completed to TEA through each school district's AskTED administrator.
- For charter schools, AskTED updates are to be emailed directly to the Charter School Division at TEA at CharterSchools@tea.state.tx.us. More information can be found here for Charter Schools.

#### Steps to Search for Liaison Information

There are two (2) ways to access AskTED.

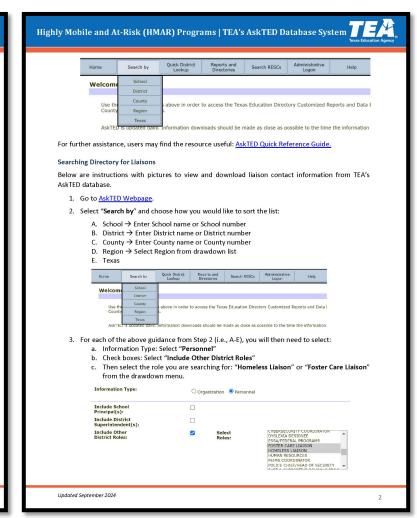
1. Go to TEA Webpage → Select AskTED from Popular Applications in the dark blue menu at the

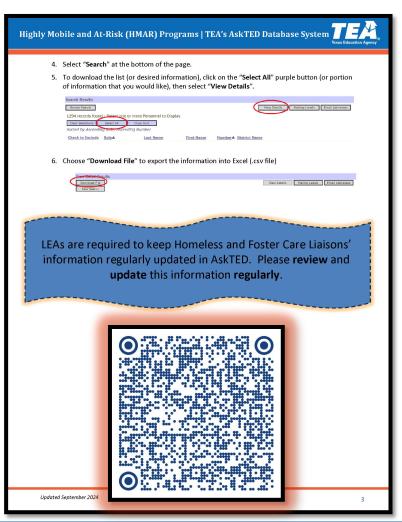


2. Navigate directly to AskTED Webpage.

When on AskTED homepage, users can use the drop-down menus at the top of the page to access the Texas Education Directory Customized Reports and Data Files. Under the 'Search by' menu, you will find searches for School, District, County, Region, and Texas.

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### **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

**Immediate Enrollment** 

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:
  - Immunizations
  - 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**

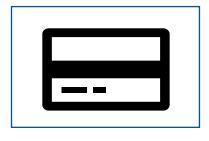
- A parent or legal guardian who is enrolling the student has up to 30 days from the date of enrollment to provide proof of the student's identity.
- Acceptable documentation to provide proof of identity and age include:

-	Birth Certificate	
_	Passport	
_	Driver's License	
_	School ID or Report Card	
-	Military ID	
-	Church Baptismal Records	



### **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:



Texas Unique ID





Current grade level



**Social Security** number







#### **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.

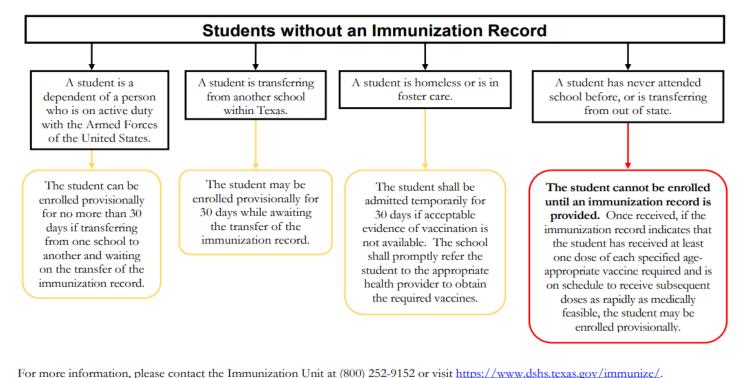


#### **Immunization – Provisional Enrollment Resource**

#### Texas Department of State Health Services, Immunization Unit Provisional Enrollment for Students (Non-Higher Education; Non-Veterinary Students)

The following charts are intended to aid school nurses, office staff, private practitioners and the general public in understanding the eligibility of students enrolling in Texas schools in accordance with Title 25, Rules §97.66 and §97.69 of the Texas Administrative Code. Please consult §97.65 and §97.68 of the Texas Administrative Code for guidance on verification of immunity/history of illness and acceptable evidence of vaccination(s).

**NOTE:** This resource does not apply to child-care facilities. Please refer to §97.66 for provisional enrollment criteria that apply to child-care facilities.







#### **State District Selection Provision**

- In Texas, we have a state district selection provision: TEC § 25.001(b)(5).
- If a family is homeless, they can select to enroll in any district 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.







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# **Sample SRQ and Intake Form**

McKinney-Vento Act.	student meets eli	igibility requ	irements for services under the
Student	Grade	_School	
Parent/Guardian		_Phone	
Last School Attended			
Current Address			
Previous Address			
Number of Children Enrolled in (ABC ISD)			
Is your current address a temporary living a	arrangement?		
Yes or No			
Is this a temporary living arrangement due	to loss of housing	g, economic	hardship, or financial difficulties?
Yes or No			
Were you displaced from your home due to	o a Natural Disast	er? (hurrica	ne, fire, flood, tornado, etc.)
Yes or No			
Type of Natural Disaster:			
Hurricane:	(Please name	2)	
Other:	(Please describ	oe)	
Please choose which of the following situa	tions the studen	t currently r	esides in (choose all that apply):
House or apartment with parent or gua	rdian		
Sharing housing with friends or family n	nembers (other ti	han or in add	dition to parent/guardian)
Motels/Hotels			
Shelter or other transitional housing			
Unsheltered – in a car, park, substandar	rd housing, etc.		
If you are living in shared housing, please	check all of the fo	ollowing rea	sons that apply:
Loss of housing			
Economic hardship			
Loss of employment			
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Other (Please explain, i.e., substandard	housing)		
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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						_
Family support services (counseling and social work	)					
Immunizations or immunization records						
Non-emergency housing referral						
Nutrition - School Lunch						
Parent education: Community Ed/ESL						
Parent education: FiT Letter/Pamphlet						
Referrals: medical, dental, other						
School records						_
School supplies						
Transportation (school of origin)						
Transportation (accessing services)						
Other services not listed above:						
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Was Parent/Guardian/UY informed of reason for no	n-qualificat	tion?			Yes	No
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Reason for non-qualification:						



# 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



#### SAMPLE - STUDENT RESIDENCY QUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION FORM

Student	Grade	School	
Parent/Guardian		Phone	
Last School Attended			
Current Address			
Previous Address			
Number of Children Enrolled in (	ABC ISD)		
Is your current address a tempor	rary living arrangement?		
Yes or No			
Is this a temporary living arrange	ement due to loss of housi	ing, economic hardship, or financial difficul	ties?
Yes or No			
Were you displaced from your h	ome due to a Natural Disa	aster? (hurricane, fire, flood, tornado, etc.)	
Yes or No			
Type of Natural Disaster:			
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Other:	(Please desc	ribe)	
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# **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:



What is the family's or unaccompanied youth's current living situation?



Is it a temporary living situation due to a recent loss of housing?



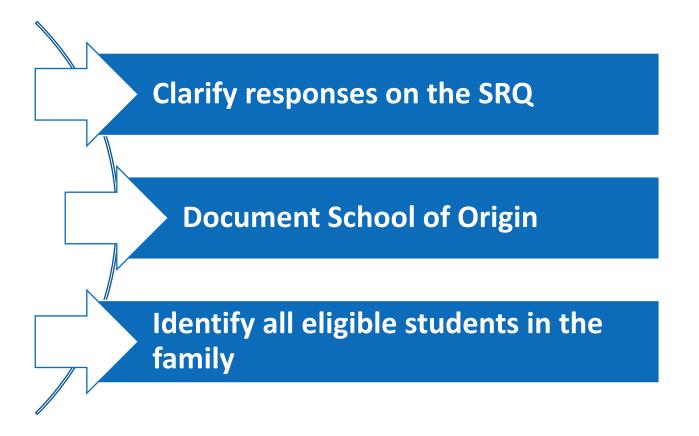
Is it fixed, regular, and adequate?



Is the family or unaccompanied youth living in hotel, shelter, unsheltered, or doubled-up living situation?



### Sample Intake Form - Page 1

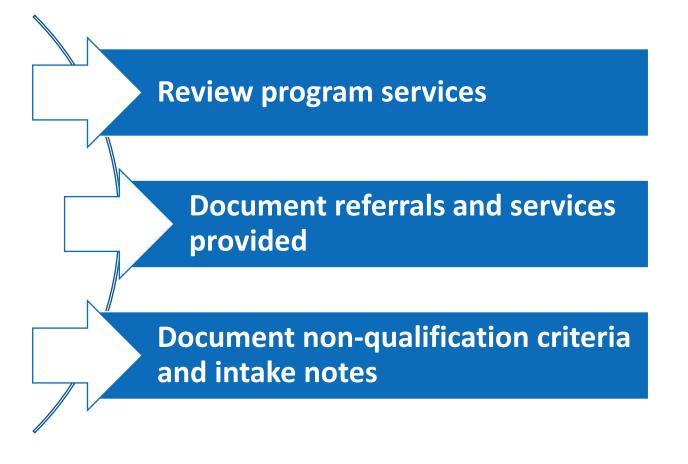




#### Intake Form 2021-2022 Families in Transition Program

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# Sample Intake Form – Page 2





#### Services Provided at Intake

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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		
Family support services (counseling and social work)		
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Reason for non-qualification:		

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# **Events That May Lead to Loss of Housing**

Unemployment

Divorce

Domestic Abuse

Medical Issues

Lack of Affordable Housing

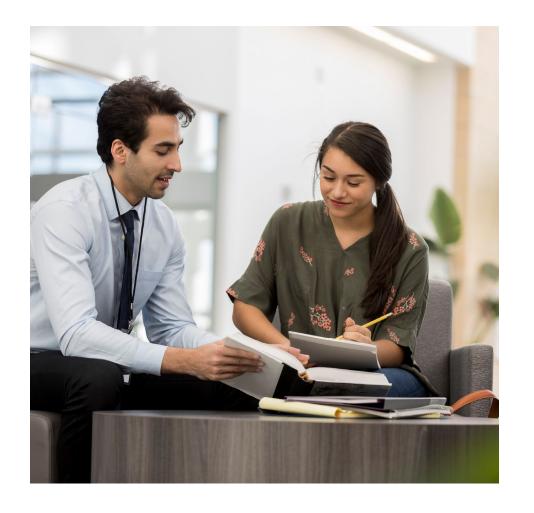
Natural Disaster





## **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



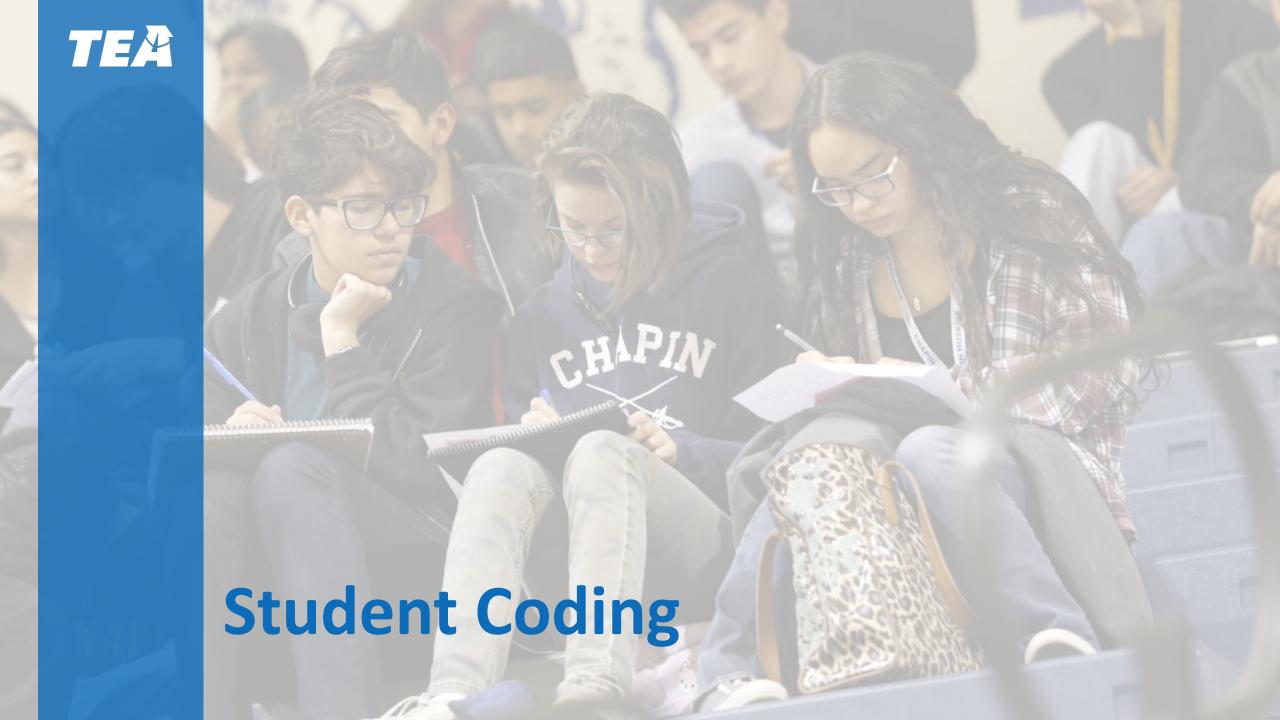


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# **McKinney-Vento Student Coding**

Student eligibility for McKinney-Vento services should be assessed annually

McKinney-Vento eligible students should be coded at the time of identification

Identification and coding is for the current school year

McKinney-Vento coding does not carry over from year-to-year



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

Table Identification	Nam	e Date Issued Date Upo	lated
C189	Homeless	Status 03/01/2012 03/01/2	024
Descriptor	Short Description	Long Description	
2	Student Lives Temporarily Doubled-Up During The Current School Year	Student lives temporarily <b>doubled-up</b> (sharing residence with a family or indivany time during current school year.	vidual) at
3	Student Is Unsheltered At Any Time During The Current School Year	Student is <b>unsheltered</b> (i.e., lives on the street, lives in cars, parks, campgroutemporary trailers [including FEMA trailers], or abandoned buildings) at any tircurrent school year.	
4	Student Lives In A Motel Or Hotel Any Time During The Current School Year	Student lives in motel or hotel at any time during current school year.	
5	Student Lives In A Shelter At Any Time During The Current School Year	Student lives in a <b>shelter</b> , transitional housing at any time during current scho	ool year.

Used in the following data element(s):

HomelessStatus

Used in the following entities:

PriorYearLeaver StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation



# **TSDS PEIMS Unaccompanied Youth Code**

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Table Identification	Name	e e	Date Issued	Date Updated
C192	UnaccompaniedYouth		03/01/2012	08/31/2015
Descriptor	Short Description	Long Desc	cription	
3	Homeless Student In The Physical Custody Of A Parent Or Legal Guardian	Homeless student is in the physical custody of homeless student is not unaccompanied) for		
4	Homeless Student Not In The Physical Custody Of A Parent Or Legal Guardian	Homeless student is not in the physical custo homeless student is unaccompanied) at any to		

Used in the following data element(s):

UnaccompaniedYouth

Used in the following entities:

StudentEducationOrganizationAssociation



# **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.



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## **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**

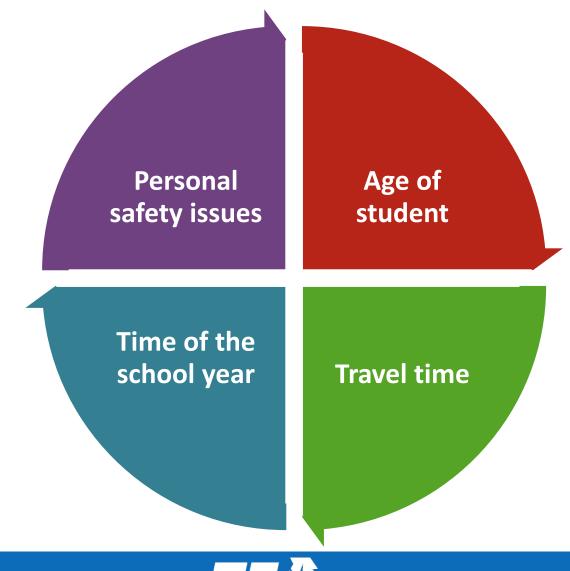
# Homeless children and youth have the right to attend their School of Origin for the duration of homelessness:

- 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**





### **LEA Strategies to Support School of Origin Services**

- 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 (<u>District Name</u>) has received and approved your request for School of Origin transportation services for your child.

Name	ID#	Grade	School of Origin

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 (<u>Bus number</u>) for morning transportation services and (<u>Bus number</u>) 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 (Transportation contact information).

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.

nank you,

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



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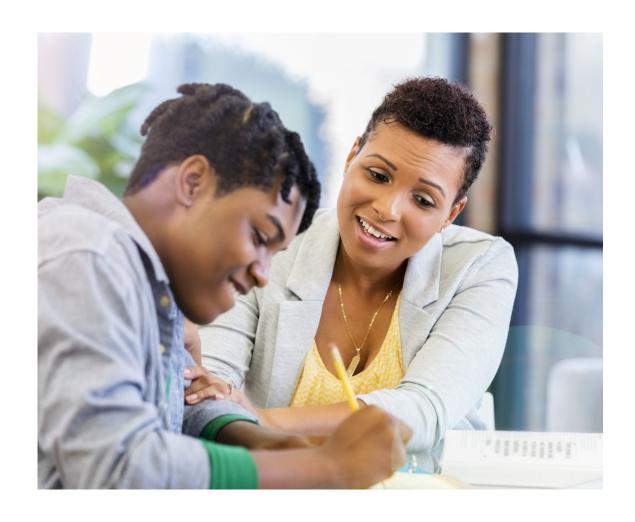
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# McKinney-Vento Post Secondary Planning and Support



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

[42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6)(A)(x)(III)]



# **FAFSA** and McKinney-Vento

55. At any time on or after July 1, 2021, did your high school or school district homeless liaison determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? See Notes page 10	Yes	0	No 2
56. At any time on or after July 1, 2021, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? <b>See Notes page 10</b> .	Yes	0	No 2
57. At any time on or after July 1, 2021, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless? See Notes page 10.	Yes	0	No 2

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

#### **Updated FAFSA**

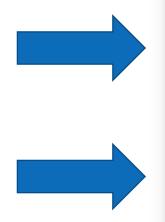


Answer "Yes" if you received a determination at any time on or after July 1, 2021, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or at risk of being homeless.

- "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

Verification letter for unaccompanied homeless youth for the purposes of federal financial aid.



#### SAMPLE FAFSA VERIFICATION FORM

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

tudent 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, [Current School Year], [Student's Full Name] 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 quartian

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## **Pause to Process**









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

Each LEA has local policies and procedures to address disputes or complaints.

This is a three-tiered process.

1. McKinney-Vento Liaison

2. LEA or Campus Leadership

3. Superintendent or School Board





## **Dispute Resolution Process**

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.





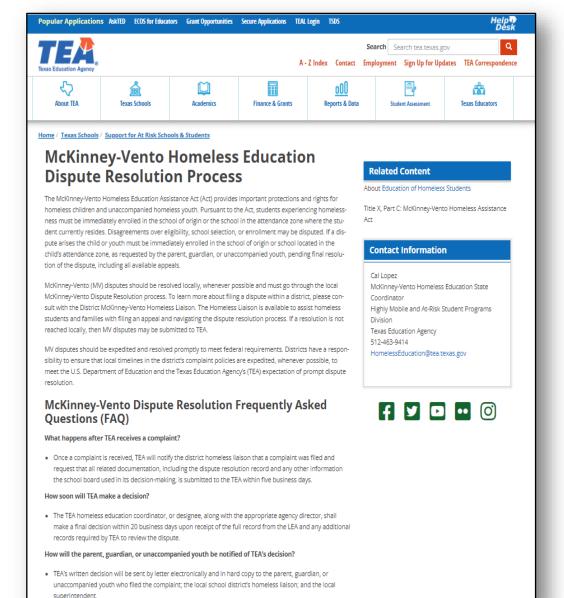
## **Dispute Resolution Process Cont.**

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.
- TEA's decisions regarding McKinney-Vento disputes are final.





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

ADMISSIONS HOMELESS STUDENTS FDC (EXHIBIT)

#### Exhibit A—Dispute of Eligibility, School Selection, or Enrollment Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Note:

This form is for use to initiate the dispute resolution process required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act when the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth disagrees with the <u>District's</u> eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision

District policy requires the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to use the dispute resolution process set out in FNG(LOCAL), beginning at Level Two. [See FDC(EXHIBIT—B) for the Notice of Parent and Student Rights in the McKinney-Vento Enrollment Dispute Resolution Process.] Filling out this form is the first step in that process. Informal resolution is encouraged but does not extend any dead-lines in FNG(LOCAL), except by mutual written consent.

To file a formal dispute under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ("Act"), please fill out this form completely and submit it by hand-delivery, email, or U.S. Mail to the principal or the <u>District's</u> liaison for homeless students. District policy typically requires dispute forms to be filed within 15 District business days of receiving the written explanation of the <u>District's</u> decision. However, because the Act's dispute process should be expedited whenever possible, TEA recommends that you submit the form as soon as possible, preferably within ten District business days of receiving the written explanation of the <u>District's</u> decision. If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a school, the child shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. The student will remain attending the school where enrollment is sought during the entire dispute resolution process.

If you need assistance filling out this form or if you have other questions, please contact the liaison for homeless students.

Principal	Liaison for Homeles	Liaison for Homeless Students	
Name:	Name:		
Address/Location:	Address/Location:		
Phone number:	Phone number:		
Email:	Email:		

The principal or liaison will forward this form to the administrator, typically the Superintendent or designee, who will conduct the dispute resolution conference in accordance with FNG(LOCAL), which can be found in the <u>District's</u> policy manual located in the Superintendent's office or [insert website URL].

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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 addition 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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# TEHCY Web Portal





# **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.

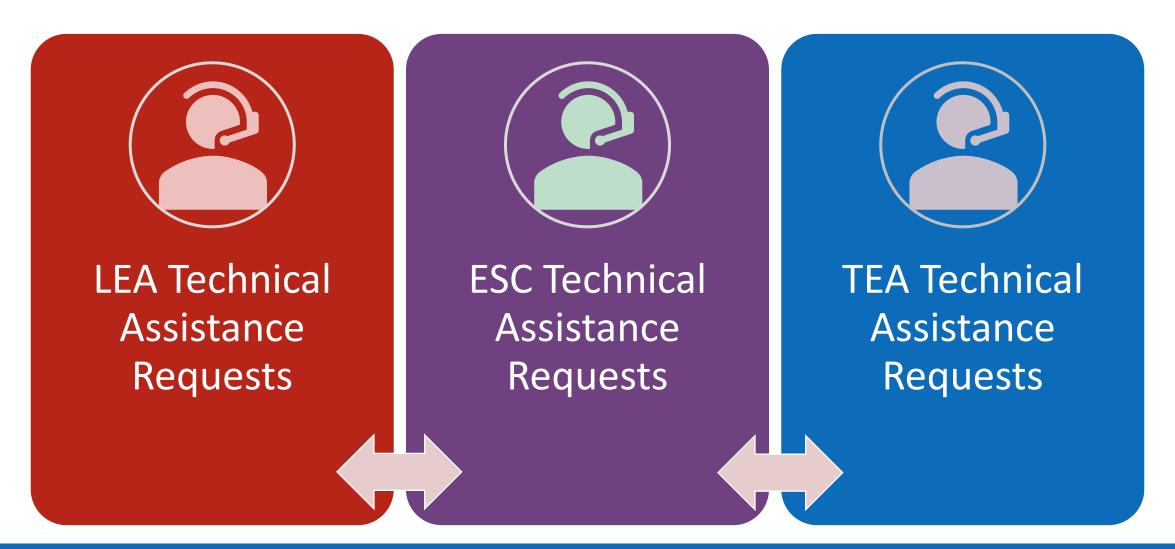
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# **TEHCY Upcoming Trainings and Events**

#### **Training**

#### **Date & Time**

McKinney Vento 201
Registration Link

Thursday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

McKinney-Vento 301
Registration Link

Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm

McKinney-Vento 401
Registration Link

Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm



#### **NAEHCY Conference 2024**

Orlando

November 16<sup>th</sup> – November 19<sup>th</sup> Allowable use of grant funds.





### 2024-25 HMAR Webinars

#### **HMAR Quarterly Webinar #2**

Thursday, November 14, 2024

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Registration Link** 

### **HMAR Quarterly Webinar #3**

Thursday, February 13, 2025

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm

**Registration Link** 

### **HMAR Quarterly Webinar #4**

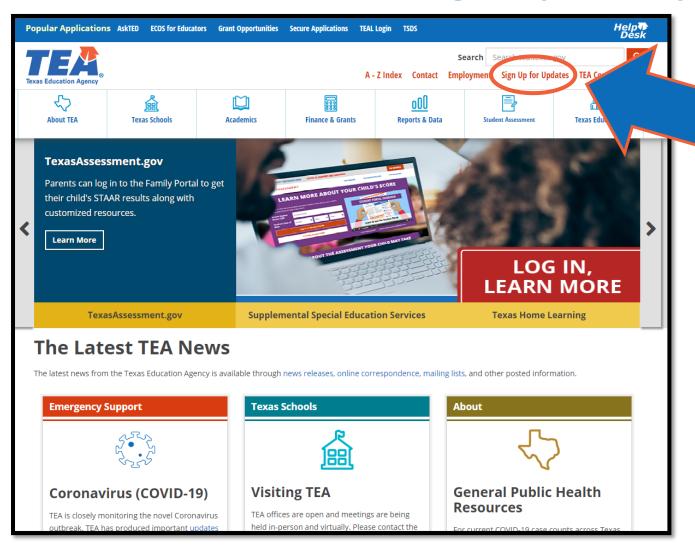
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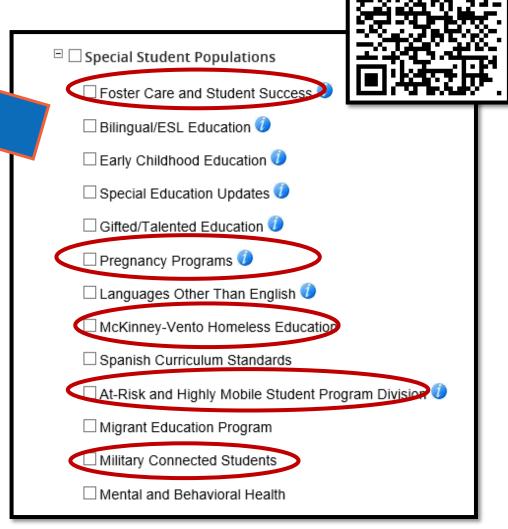
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Registration Link



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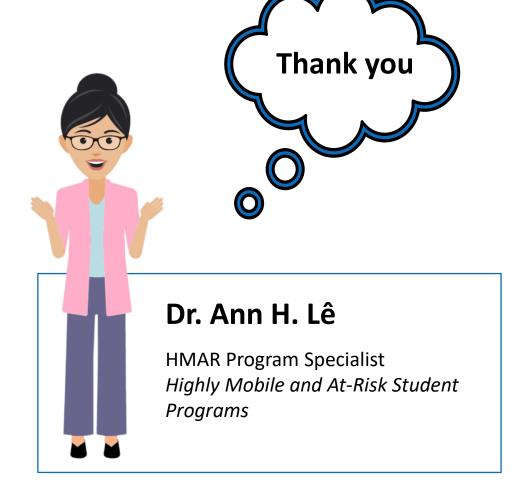






# **Thank You for Attending**





HomelessEducation@Tea.Texas.gov

# Thank you!

Please take a couple of minutes to complete the survey included below. Your input and feedback are valuable to support the improvement of current McKinney-Vento training and the development of new McKinney-Vento trainings.



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