



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

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Agenda



Welcome and Introductions



School of Origin



School of Origin Transportation Services



Resources to Support Transportation



General Reminders









The term "school of origin" means the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed, or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool, includes the designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(I)(i)].

McKinney-Vento Act





McKinney-Vento Liaison

- Identify students experiencing homelessness in collaboration with school personnel and other organizations and agencies
- Ensure students experiencing homelessness are enrolled and provided equitable access to succeed in school
- Ensure students experiencing homelessness and families have access to educational services for which they are eligible
- Inform parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth of all transportation services available, including school of origin transportation
- Provide school personnel professional development and supports to ensure identification of student experiencing homelessness



TEA McKinney Vento Identification Process





Provisional School Enrollment

Enroll Student

Proceed with Record Request

Determine Eligibility for McKinney-Vento



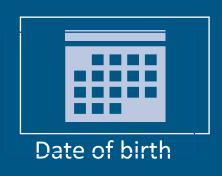
- Students experiencing homelessness cannot be identified for McKinney-Vento program services if they are not enrolled in school.
- A parent or legal guardian who is enrolling the student has up to 30 days from the date of enrollment to provide proof of the student's identity.
- Immediate provisional enrollment allows the student to be in school receiving services while the LEA continues to gather records and determine McKinney-Vento program eligibility and services.



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:













TEM Students Experiencing Homelessness May Attend



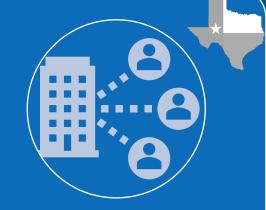
The school of origin which is the public school the student attended when permanently housed; or the school the student was last enrolled.



The school of origin includes the designated receiving school at the next grade level for all feeder schools.



The zoned public school in the attendance area where the student is residing.



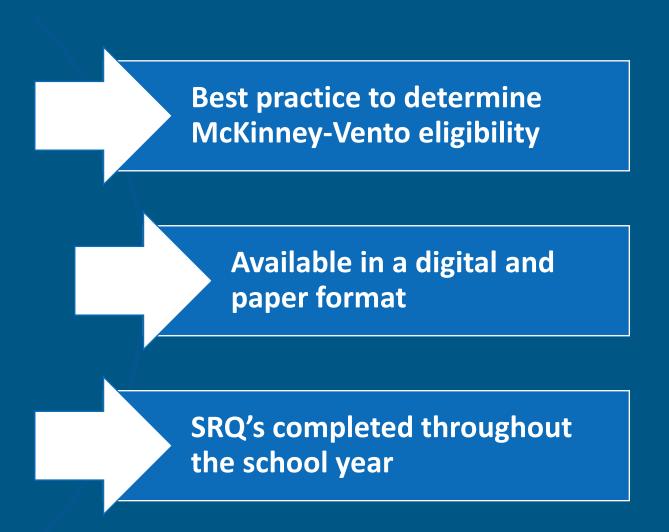
Any school district in Texas, campus to be selected by McKinney Vento Liaison and administration in collaboration with the family.



Upon enrollment and during the intake process, the McKinney-Vento Liaison will assist with campus determination



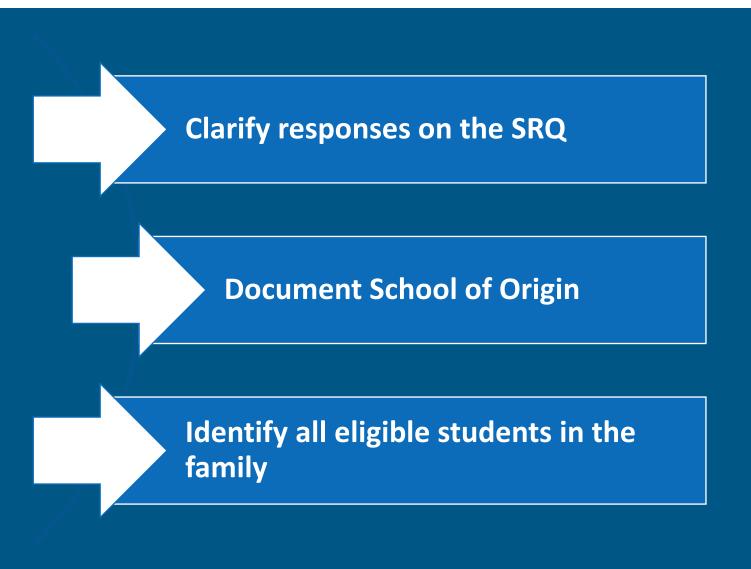
Sample Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ)



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Student	Grade	School
Parent/Guardian		Phone
Last School Attended		
Current Address		
Previous Address		
Number of Children Enrolled in (AE	BC ISD)	
Is your current address a tempora	y living arrangement?	
Yes or No		
Is this a temporary living arrangem	ent due to loss of housi	ng, economic hardship, or financial difficulties?
Yes or No		
Were you displaced from your hor	ne due to a Natural Disa	ster? (hurricane, fire, flood, tornado, etc.)
Yes or No		
Type of Natural Disaster:		
Hurricane:	(Please nar	ne)
Other:	(Please desc	ribe)
Please choose which of the follow	ring situations the stude	ent currently resides in (choose all that apply):
House or apartment with pare	nt or guardian	
Sharing housing with friends or	family members (other	than or in addition to parent/guardian)
Motels/Hotels		
Shelter or other transitional ho	using	
Unsheltered – in a car, park, su	bstandard housing, etc.	
If you are living in shared housing	, please check all of the	following reasons that apply:
Loss of housing		
Economic hardship		
Loss of employment		
Parent/Guardian is currently or	n active duty in the U.S.	Military
Other (Please explain, i.e., subs	tandard housing)	
	n your parents or guardia	ans? Yes No



TEA Sample Intake Form – Page 1



Student:				ID Number:		
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Was this the last school attended?	Yes	No	If not, what was th	e name?		
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(iii) children and youths who are living in cabandoned buildings, substandard housing similar settings:			(iv) migratory childrer of this subtitle becaus described in clauses (i	e the children a		
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Parent/Guardian/UY has requested sc	hool of orig	in			Yes	No
you have other children, affected b	y this hous	ing situation,	enrolled in Sample I	SD?		
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Intake completed by:				Date:		
Intake completed with:				Relation:		
Reviewed by McKinney-Vento Liais	on:			Date:		



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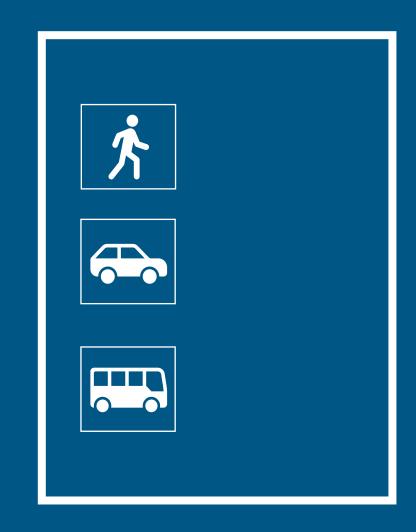


Services Provided at Intake SERVICES DATE Assist w/participation in Title I Parent Programs Birth certificate Basic needs/Hygiene kit Community agency referral Consultation with McKinney-Vento staff Emergency clothing or referral Emergency food or referral Emergency shelter referral Emergency utility 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: Explain services available: Food Services Transportation If the student is absent or will be moving call the transportation office at (111) 111-1111 as soon as possible to cancel the bus After several days of not canceling bus services, the student may risk losing transportation to the school of origin Was Parent/Guardian/UY informed of reason for non-qualification? Reason for non-qualification: Page 2



Review School of Origin Services

- During the intake process, McKinney-Vento Liaisons:
 - Inform parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth of School of Origin services.
 - Document needs of transportation walking (net zone), white fleet, bus route.
- Provide information on School of Origin transportation requests, timelines, and communication of arranged transport.





Pause to Process











Students experiencing homelessness are three times more likely than their housed peers to transfer schools in the middle of the year because their frequent moves result in the choice to either travel a long distance to stay in their original school or change to a closer one.

-Institute for Children, Poverty & Homelessness, 2019



School Stability Challenges

- Navigating travel and transportation to one's original school from a new starting point can be difficult, but changing schools involves losing supportive relationships with peers and teachers, adjusting to a new environment, new material requirements, and academic setbacks that could accompany educational discontinuity in addition to the difficulties of experiencing homelessness.
- Changing schools can greatly impede students' academic and social growth and predisposes many youth experiencing homelessness to significant academic challenges and the risk of dropping out of school.
- Because of this, the McKinney-Vento Act requires LEAs to maintain the educational stability of students experiencing homelessness by allowing them to remain in their school of origin to the extent that it is feasible.



School of Origin – Best Interest Determination

- BEST INTEREST- In determining the best interest of the child or youth under subparagraph (A), the local educational agency (LEA) shall —
 - 1. To the extent feasible, keep a homeless child or youth in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child's or youth's parent or guardian;
 - 2. Provide a written explanation, including a statement regarding the right to appeal to the homeless child's or youth's parent or guardian, if the LEA sends such child or youth to a school other than the school of origin or a school requested by the parent or guardian; and
 - 3. The McKinney Vento Liaison provide assistance to unaccompanied in consideration of their views for placement and enrollment under paragraph (1)(J)(ii).



TEA School of Origin – Best Interest Considerations

Age of Student

Travel Time to and from **School of Origin**

Personal Safety Issues

Student Program Supports

(e.g., Special Education, Gifted and Talented, etc.)

Time of the **School Year**

Length of Anticipated Stay at Shelter, Hotel, etc.





TEA School of Origin – Request Process

- School of Origin transportation is requested by the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth during the intake process
- McKinney-Vento Liaison communicates School of Origin requests to the designated transportation contact
- Transportation route is set-up and busing information is provided to the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth by the designated LEA contact
- McKinney-Vento Liaison should follow-up with the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to confirm busing information and monitor transportation services



TEA School of Origin – Transportation Letter

- Include 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

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

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

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 st NO CALL	Transportation personnel will contact parent or guardian to determine if transportation services are still needed.
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2 nd NO CALL	Transportation personnel will contact parent or guardian to determine if transportation
	services are still needed.
3 rd 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

Name (LEA Designated McKinney-Vento Liaison)

District Address Phone Number Email Address



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School of Origin Transportation – Request Process

School of Origin Services may be requested:



Upon identification or anytime during the academic school year



If the student did not initially qualify for School of Origin services during the initial intake



Due to a change in living situation



TEA School of Origin Transportation – Request Process



Develop an intake process to assess and document School of Origin transportation services upon enrollment and during the school year



Develop a process to submit and monitor School of Origin transportation requests and services



Provide School of Origin busing information to parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth in writing



Provide parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth a process to communicate any changes or adjustments needed to their transportation services



School of Origin – LEA Requirements

- LEAs must transport students experiencing homelessness to and from their School of Origin, at a parent's or guardian's request, or at the McKinney-Vento Liaison's request for unaccompanied homeless youth
 - If the student resides outside of LEA boundaries, LEAs must agree on how to split the responsibility, cost of transportation, or share them equally

- Students experiencing homelessness can:
 - Stay in their School of Origin until the end of the school year even if they move into permanent housing
 - Continue attending their school of origin for the duration of their homelessness



TEA TEA School Transportation Funding & Allotment Handbook

School Transportation Funding

School transportation funding, known as the transportation allotment, is part of overall Foundation School Program (FSP) funding. It is included as a separate line item on a school district's state aid report, known as the Summary of Finances report. Districts report transportation data to the agency through the web-based FSP System.

Transportation Allotment One Page Description (PDF 328 KB)

Handbook and Reporting Guidance

- School Transportation Allotment Handbook (PDF 917KB)
- School Transportation Allotment Reporting Guidance (PPT 3,176 KB)

FSP Transportation Deadlines

July 15: New Applicants for Transportation Allotment Application (PDF) (Excel)

- . Only applies to new applicants for transportation allotment
- . Completed application submitted by deadline to: schtrans@tea.texas.gov

August 1: Route Services Report

- . Report opens in FSP Application during the first week of June
- . Both this report and the Operations Report are required to receive transportation funding

Contact Information

For more information, contact:

Division of State Funding

Email: schtrans@tea.texas.gov

Phone: 512-463-4834

Texas Education Agency

School Transportation Allotment Handbook

Effective Beginning with 2023-2024 School Year



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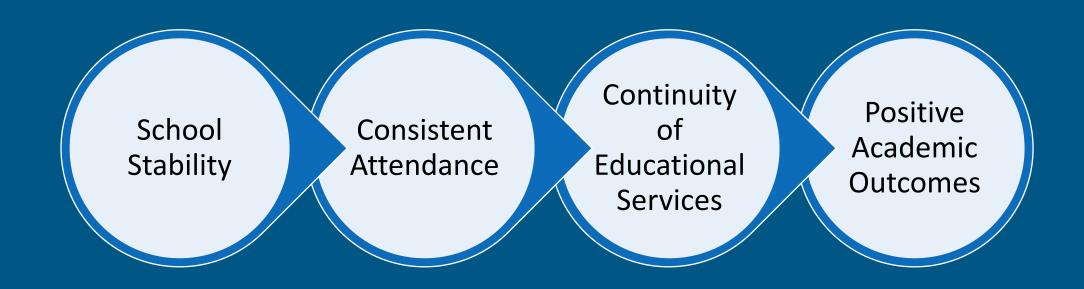






Impact of School of Origin Transportation Services

McKinney-Vento Liaisons facilitate the School of Origin transportation process to ensure that students experiencing homelessness can maintain:





Collaboration McKinney Vento Liaison & Transportation Staff

Meet with transportation staff to plan and develop transportation processes and protocols

Establish a McKinney-Vento transportation point of contact

Follow LEA transportation policies for student safety

Establish a collaborative transportation monitoring process for McKinney-Vento students



McKinney-Vento: School of Origin Training Information

Provide annual training and resources to LEA personnel on McKinney-Vento:

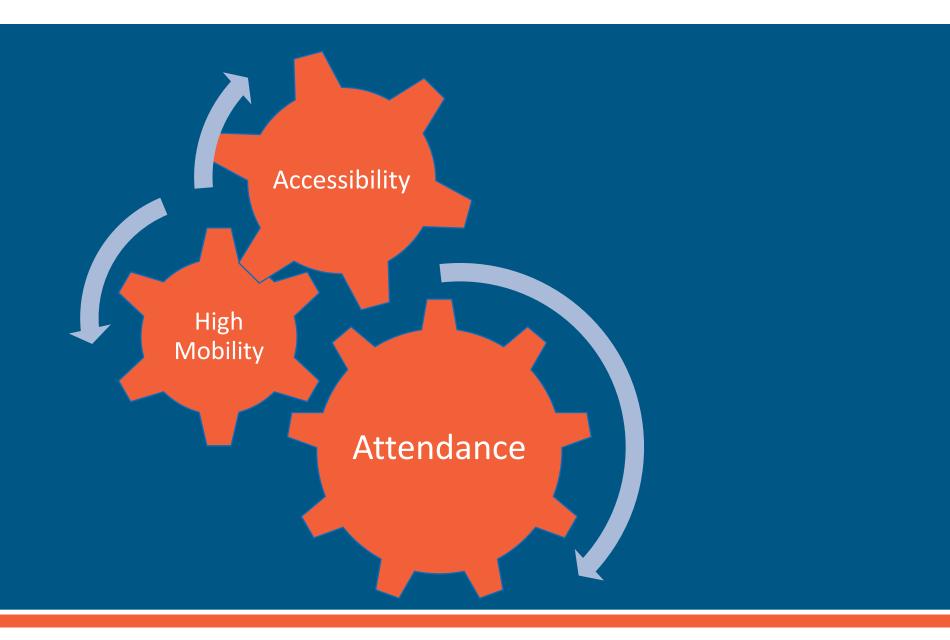
- Enrollment, identification, and intake process
- School of Origin program services
- Process to request School of Origin transportation services
- Duration of School of Origin Services
- McKinney-Vento Liaison referral process

Inform parents, guardians, unaccompanied youth, LEA and campus staff that students experiencing homelessness:

- School of Origin transportation eligible: end of the school year and even if they move into permanent housing
- School of origin eligible for the duration of their homelessness
- School of Origin eligible if the become homeless over the summer break

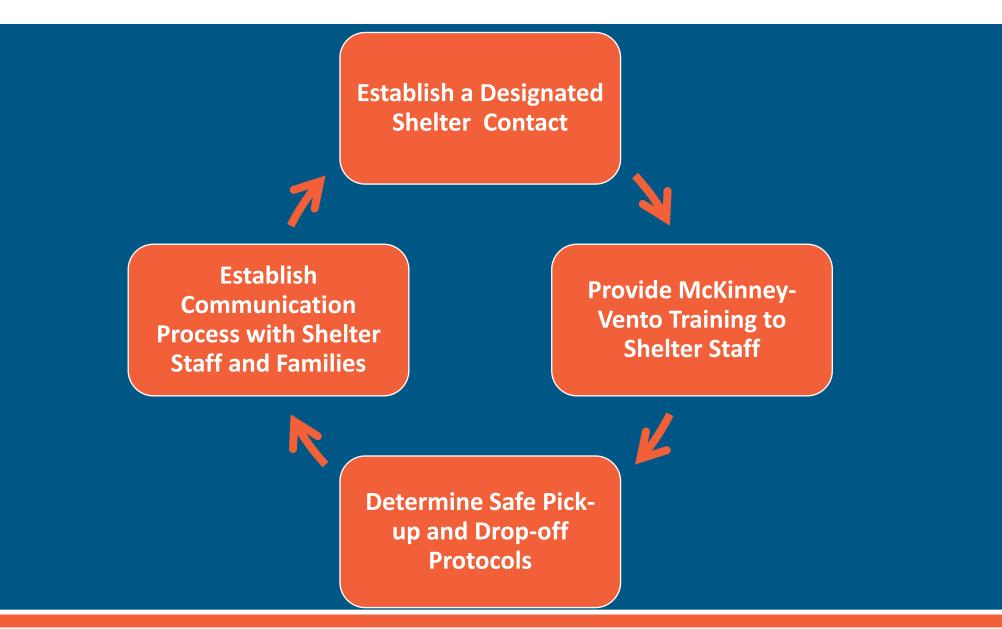


Challenges and Barriers Related to School of Origin Transportation





School of Origin Services – Supporting Students Residing in Shelters





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





Provide busing information and any new student or family contact information to the appropriate campus and LEA contact



Implementing School of Origin Transportation Services



Develop LEA policies and procedures to support implementation of School of Origin transportation services



Establish a McKinney-Vento transportation point of contact to support the development of transportation processes and protocols



Collaborate with shelter, hotel/motel, transitional housing staff to develop transportation safety protocols



Include School of Origin program services and procedures in you annual McKinney-Vento trainings

School of Origin Considerations



TEM Key Actions for Success

Assessing School of Origin

- Determine and document School of Origin and services provide during the intake process
- Provide parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth information about School of Origin services

School of Origin Transportation Request Process

- Develop an intake process to assess and document School of Origin transportation services upon enrollment and during the school year
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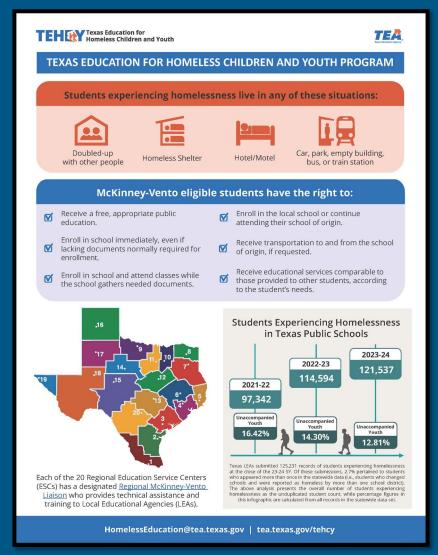


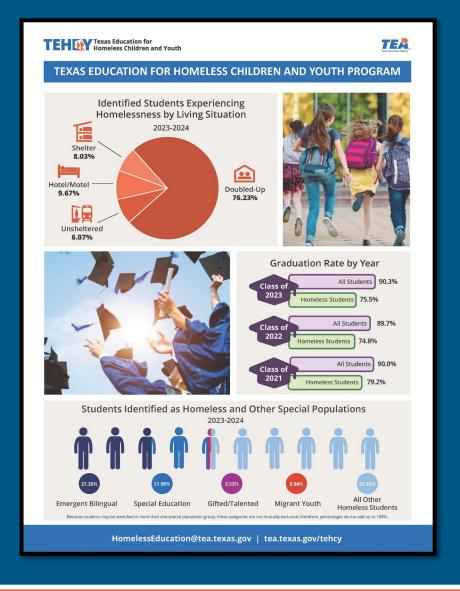






23-24 Data: TEHCY Infographic for 2024 SY







TEHCY Discipline Toolkit

- Comprehensive overview of how to support and respond to students experiencing homelessness related to discipline.
- Includes practices, procedures, and tools that LEAs will be able to use to strengthen services and supports to students experiencing homelessness.
- Serves as both an orientation manual and a ready reference resource for new and experienced LEA leaders.
- Released: October 23, 2024



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Discipline Toolkit







Discipline Toolkit Resource p. 13



Transportation Considerations



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 the area served by the LEA in which the school of origin is located. In these instances, school of origin, transportation must continue to be
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Discipline Toolkit Resource cont.



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TEHCY Discipline Webinar Recording

Training was held on November 7, 2024, from 11:00 – 12:00 PM CT

High-level overview & walk-through of the new Discipline Toolkit



1415 registered attendees

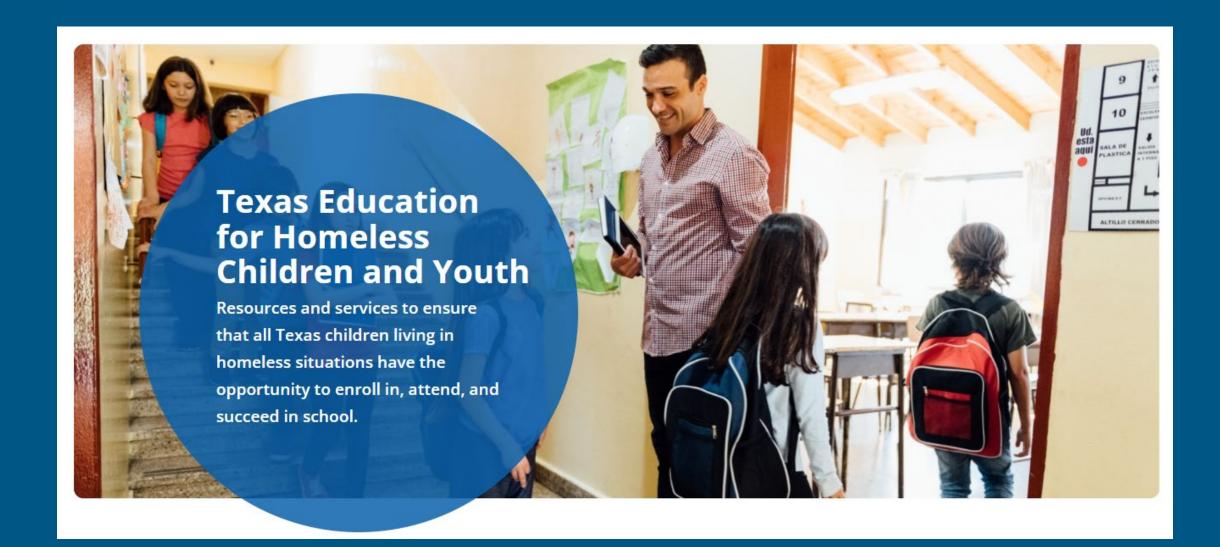
TEHCY Discipline Toolkit High-Level
Walkthrough
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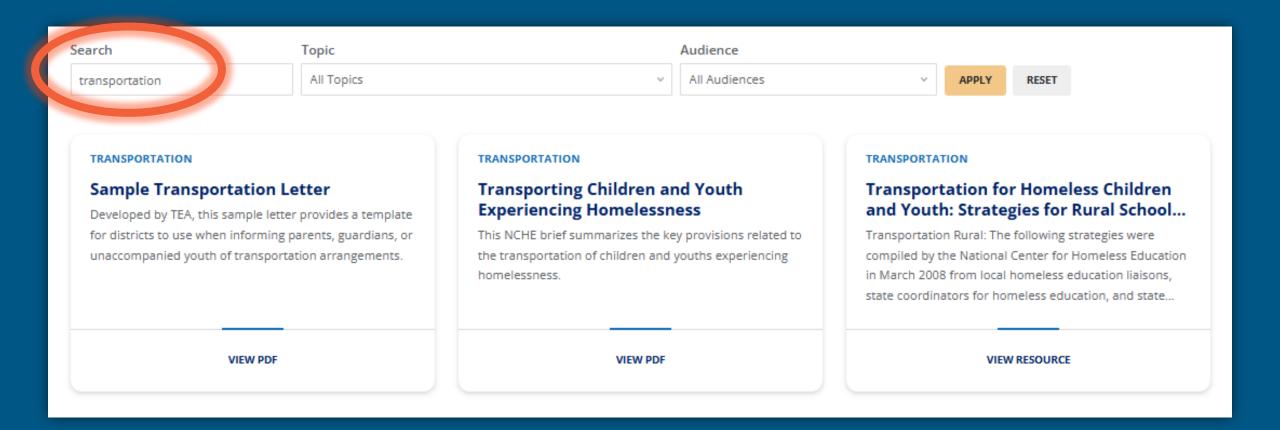




TEA TEHCY Web Portal



Resource Library: MV and Transportation







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TEHCY Upcoming Trainings and TEHCY Talks



McKinney-Vento 401

March 13, 2025

11:00 AM – 1:00 PM CT Registration

TEHCY Talks

April 10, 2025

10:30 – 11:15 AM CT Registration

TEHCY Talks

February 6, 2025

10:30 – 11:15 AM CT Registration

TEHCY Talks

May 15, 2025

10:30 – 11:15 AM CT Registration



2024-25 HMAR Webinars



HMAR Quarterly Webinar #3

Thursday, February 13, 2025 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Registration Link

HMAR Quarterly Webinar #4

Thursday, May 1, 2025 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm

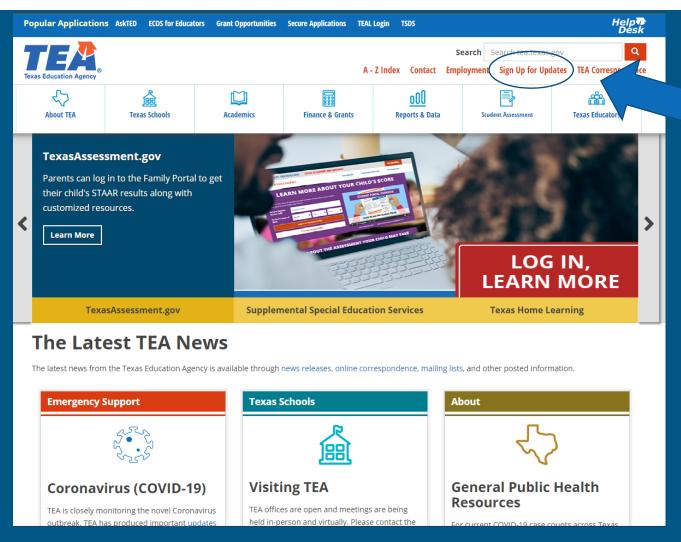
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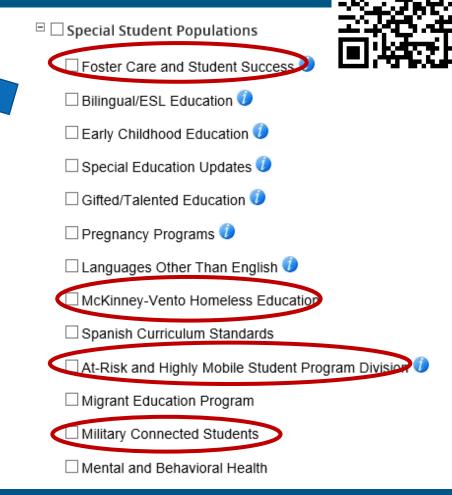




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