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(McKinney-Vento Act / Military-Connected / Foster Care)

SELF-ASSESSMENT

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Implementation

The self-assessment is organized within a diagnostic framework that addresses areas of compliance across three domains. Within the Implementation domain, the leadership team will consider practices related to the design and implementation of special population programs that meet the requirements of the identified special population programs. In addressing each item of the self-assessment, the leadership team will consider four guiding questions related to the Implementation domain.

Are the program procedures compliant with state and federal rules and regulations?

Are special population supports and services implemented with fidelity?

Are special populations identified students prepared for the next step in the education experience?

Do policies and procedures ensure the identification of students displaying a need for special populations programs and services?



McKinney-Vento Act (Students Experiencing Homelessness)

1. LEA Policy and Procedures

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA develop, review, and revise policies that remove barriers to the enrollment and retention of homeless children and unaccompanied youth in schools, including the adoption of policies to ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth are not stigmatized or segregated based on their homeless status? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(7)(A)(B) 42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(1)(J)(i))

- ☐ Policies and procedures regarding students experiencing homelessness.
- ☐ Meeting agendas or emails supporting review of district policy and procedures, and projected date that the updated policy will be adopted and implemented.
- ☐ Student handbook.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a process to support the development, review, and revision of LEA or campus enrollment policies or practices that may act as a barrier to enrollment and retention of homeless children and unaccompanied youth. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a process to support the development and adoption of policies to ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth are not stigmatized or segregated based on their homeless status.	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to develop, review, and revise any LEA or campus enrollment policies or practices (e.g., enrollment, identification, transportation, etc.) that may act a barrier to enrollment and retention of homeless children and unaccompanied youth. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to develop, revise, and adopt policies to ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth are not stigmatized or segregated based on their homeless status.	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to develop, review, and rev any LEA or campus enrollment policies or practices (e.g., enrollment identification, transportation, etc.) that may act a barrier to enrollment and retention of homeless children and unaccompanied youth annually The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established an annual systematic process to develop, review, revise, and adopt policies annually to ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth are not stigmatized or segregated based on their homeless status. Implementation dates of the new or revised policies (e.g., enrollment, identification, transportation, etc.) are provided to new and returning LEA or campus staff annually a part of the LEA McKinney-Vento communication and training plan.



2. Awareness of LEA McKinney-Vento Liaison Designation and Liaison Duties

PROBING QUESTION

How Has the LEA designated an appropriate staff person as the LEA McKinney-Vento Liaison to carry out the duties described in paragraph ((6)(A)? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(1)(J)(ii) status)

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

LEA staff directory that identifies the McKinney-Vento Liaison.
LEA website that identifies the McKinney-Vento Liaison.
AskTED and ESC website that identifies the McKinney-Vento Liaison.
LEA annual training plan.
Sign-in sheets/agendas/email confirmations from relevant.
LEA and campus staff trainings.
Other materials (e.g., posters, brochures, flyers, etc.) that provide the McKinney-Vento Liaison's contact
information.
Documentation of McKinney-Vento LEA poster distribution and other program information.
Student Handbook.

The LEA is developing a process to
designate a staff person as the LEA
McKinney-Vento Liaison.

DEVELOPING

The LEA is developing a process to provide the contact information and required duties of the designated LEA McKinney-Vento Liaison to LEA and campus staff.

The LEA is **developing a process to update** the LEA McKinney-Vento Liaison information **in AskTED**.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to develop, review, and revise any LEA or campus enrollment policies or practices (e.g., enrollment, identification, transportation, etc.) that may act a barrier to enrollment and retention of homeless children and unaccompanied youth.

PROFICIENT

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to develop, revise, and adopt policies to ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth are not stigmatized or segregated based on their homeless status.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to develop, review, and revise any LEA or campus enrollment policies or practices (e.g., enrollment, identification, transportation, etc.) that may act a barrier to enrollment and retention of homeless children and unaccompanied youth annually.

EXEMPLARY

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established an annual systematic process to develop, review, revise, and adopt policies annually to ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth are not stigmatized or segregated based on their homeless status.

Implementation dates of the new or revised policies (e.g., enrollment, identification, transportation, etc.) are provided to new and returning LEA or campus staff annually a part of the LEA McKinney-Vento communication and training plan.



3. Awareness of LEA McKinney-Vento Liaison Designation and Liaison Duties

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA McKinney-Vento Liaison inform LEA and school staff, service providers, and advocates working with homeless families, parents and guardians of homeless children, and homeless unaccompanied youth, of the duties of the local McKinney-Vento Liaison? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)(B))

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

	LEA staff directory that identifies the McKinney-Vento Liaison.
	LEA website that identifies the McKinney-Vento Liaison.
	AskTED and ESC website that identifies the McKinney-Vento Liaison.
	LEA annual training plan.
	Sign-in sheets/agendas/email confirmations from relevant.
	LEA and campus staff trainings.
	Other materials (e.g., posters, brochures, flyers, etc.) that provide the McKinney-Vento Liaison's contact
	information.
	Documentation of McKinney-Vento LEA poster distribution and other program information.
П	Student handbook

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison s developing a: LEA McKinney-Vento website Process to disseminate McKinney-Vento posters and other program information, and McKinney-Vento communication and training plan to inform LEA and campus staff, (e.g., administrators, counselors, registrars, social workers, etc.,) service providers and community stakeholders working with homeless families, parents and guardians of homeless children, and homeless unaccompanied youth, of the duties of the LEA McKinney-Vento Liaison	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a: • LEA McKinney-Vento website • Process to disseminate McKinney-Vento posters and other program information • McKinney-Vento communication and training plan to inform LEA and campus staff, (e.g., administrators, counselors, registrars, social workers, etc.,) service providers and community stakeholders working with homeless families, parents and guardians of homeless children, and homeless unaccompanied youth, of the duties of the local McKinney-Vento Liaison	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to: • Update their LEA McKinney-Vento website • Disseminate McKinney-Vento posters and other program information • Review, modify, and update their annual McKinney-Vento communication and training plan as needed to inform and provide professional developmen to new and returning LEA and campus staff, (e.g., administrators, counselors registrars, social workers, etc.,) service providers and community stakeholders working with homeless families, parents and

guardians of homeless children, and homeless unaccompanied youth, of the duties of the local McKinney-Vento Liaison

4. Public Notice of Educational Rights

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA ensure that public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youth is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youth, and unaccompanied youth, in a manner and form understandable to parents and guardians of homeless children and youth, and unaccompanied youth? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)(A)(vi))

- ☐ Materials such as posters or brochures explaining the educational rights of students experiencing homelessness and a list of locations where available (e.g., campuses, hotels, shelters, food pantries, etc.,).
- ☐ LEA McKinney-Vento Program webpage.
- ☐ Student handbook.
- □ Evidence that the McKinney-Vento Liaison or staff conducts outreach to relevant community groups to inform them of McKinney-Vento rights and services for students experiencing homelessness (e.g., copies of meeting agendas, minutes, handouts, notes, presentations, etc.,).
- ☐ Participation in local Continuum of Care or coordination with state or local housing agencies (if applicable).

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a process to ensure annual dissemination of McKinney-Vento posters to all campuses. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a McKinney-Vento program webpage that includes the educational rights of homeless children and unaccompanied youth.	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a process to ensure annual dissemination of McKinney-Vento posters to all campuses. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a process to disseminate McKinney-Vento posters to local hotels and shelters in their attendance zone. The LEA in collaboration with the local McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a McKinney-Vento program webpage that includes the educational rights of homeless children and unaccompanied youth. McKinney-Vento posters include the contact information for the McKinney-Vento Liaison.	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to ensure annual dissemination of McKinney-Vento posters to all campuses and verifies the posters have been posted where parents, guardians, or unaccompanied youth can easily access this information. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to disseminate McKinney-Vento posters to local hotels, shelters, and throughout the community (e.g., food pantries, churches, non-profits, local housing authority, city, and county offices, etc.) in their attendance zone. The LEA has established a systematic annual process to review and update their McKinney-Vento program webpage to include resources (e.g., LEA, campus, community, etc.) the educational rights of



Other Special Populations – Self-Assessment homeless children and unaccompanied youth, and the electronic McKinney-Vento posters. All McKinney-Vento posters

include the McKinney-Vento Liaison contact information.



5. Immediate Enrollment of Students Experiencing Homelessness

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA ensure that they immediately enroll homeless children and unaccompanied youth, even if they do not have the records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, records of immunization, and other required records, proof of residency, or other documentation; or has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(3)(C)(i)(I); 42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(3)(C)(i)(II))

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- ☐ Meeting agendas or emails supporting review of district policy and procedures, and projected date that the updated policy will be adopted and implemented.
- ☐ LEA annual training plan.
- ☐ Sign-in sheets/agendas/email confirmations from relevant LEA and campus staff trainings.
- ☐ Resources provided to assist with attaining immunizations, birth certificates, etc.
- ☐ Student handbook.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a process to review and revise LEA or campus enrollment protocols or practices that may act as a barrier to immediate enrollment. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a process to inform LEA and campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, registrars, front office staff, etc.) of the McKinney-Vento immediate enrollment provision.	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a process to review and revise LEA or campus enrollment protocols or practices that may act as a barrier to immediate enrollment. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to inform LEA and campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, registrars, front office staff, etc.) of the McKinney-Vento immediate enrollment provision and provide resources to assist in obtaining student records (e.g., immunizations, birth certificates, etc.).	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to develop, review, revise, and adopt LEA or campus enrollment protocols or practices that may act as a barrier to immediate enrollment. New or revised protocols and practices are posted to LEA and campus websites and are provided to new and returning LEA and campus staff as part of LEA annual McKinney-Vento communication and training plan. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to inform new and returning LEA and campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, registrars, front office staff, etc.) of the McKinney-Vento immediate enrollment provision and provide resources to assist in obtaining student records (e.g., immunizations, birth certificates, etc.) as part of LEA annual McKinney-Vento communication and training plan.

6. Identification and Referral Process

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)(A)(i))

- □ Policies and procedure regarding students experiencing homelessness.
 □ Student Residency Questionnaires or enrollment forms documenting the identification process in place for
- Student Residency Questionnaires or enrollment forms documenting the identification process in place for students experiencing homelessness.
- ☐ LEA or campus enrollment packets.
- □ Policies and procedures for ensuring TSDS PEIMS coding of identified students experiencing homelessness.
- ☐ LEA annual training plan.
- ☐ Sign-in sheets/agendas/email confirmations from relevant LEA and campus staff trainings.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has
Student Residency Questionnaire	Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) to	established a systematic annual
SRQ) to facilitate the identification of	facilitate the identification of homeless	process to develop, review, and
omeless children and unaccompanied	children and unaccompanied youth. The	revise the Student Residency
outh.	Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) is	Questionnaire (SRQ) to facilitate
	included in the LEA and campus online and	the identification of homeless
	paper enrollment process.	children and unaccompanied
	paper ememoria process.	youth. The Student Residency
	The LEA in collaboration with the	Questionnaire (SRQ) is included in
	McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a	the LEA and campus online and
	process to inform LEA and campus staff	paper enrollment process.
	(e.g., administrators, counselors,	paper em emment process.
	registrars, front office staff, etc.) how to	The LEA in collaboration with the
	utilize the Student Residency	McKinney-Vento Liaison has
	Questionnaire (SRQ) to assist with the	established a systematic annual
	identification and immediate provisional	process to inform new and
	enrollment of homeless children and	returning LEA and campus staff
	unaccompanied youth.	(e.g., administrators, counselors,
	anassampamaa yaaam	registrars, front office staff, etc.)
	The LEA in collaboration with the	how to utilize the Student
	McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a	Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) to
	process for LEA and campus staff (e.g.,	assist with the identification and
	administrators, counselors, registrars,	immediate provisional enrollment
	front office staff, etc.) to facilitate	of homeless children and
	identification, coding, and referrals to the	unaccompanied youth as part of
	McKinney-Vento Liaison or their designee	LEA annual McKinney-Vento
	during the school year.	communication and training plan
		The LEA in collaboration with the
		McKinney-Vento Liaison has
		established a systematic annual
		process for LEA and campus staff
		(e.g., administrators, counselors,
		registrars, front office staff, etc.,)

Other Special Populations – Self-Assessment to facilitate identification, coding, and referrals to the McKinney- Vento Liaison or their designee as part of LEA annual McKinney-

Vento communication and

training plan.



7. Dispute Resolution Process

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA have procedures to ensure that disputes over eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in a school are mediated in accordance with (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(3)(E))? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)(A)(vii)(I))

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

- □ Policies and procedures regarding students experiencing homelessness.
- □ Examples of written notification that is provided to parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth regarding the determination made and description of the appeal timeline and process.
- □ Examples of the dispute resolution documents that are provided to parents, guardians, or unaccompanied youth to complete and begin the dispute process.
- ☐ Training content specific to the dispute resolution process (e.g., policies, procedures, timelines, documents, etc.,).

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing local policies and procedures that addresses McKinney-Vento disputes over eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in school, to ensure they are mediated and resolved in a timely manner.

DEVELOPING

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed and implemented local policies and procedures to address McKinney-Vento disputes over eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in school, to ensure they are mediated and resolved in a timely manner.

PROFICIENT

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed written procedures and documents that includes an explanation of the decision made by the LEA regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in school and the right of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal or dispute any decision.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed written procedures and documents that outlines the process once the enrollment decisions has been made that include the following information in way that is understandable to the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth:

- an explanation of the reasons for the determination
- a description of the appeal process, including appeal timelines and information on how and whom to appeal the decision

EXEMPLARY

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to review, revise, and implement local policies and procedures to address McKinney-Vento disputes over eligibility, school selection, or enrollment in school, to ensure they are mediated and resolved in a timely manner.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to review and revise written procedures and documents that includes an explanation of the decision made by the LEA regarding eligibility, school selection, or enrollment and the right of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to appeal or dispute any decision.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to review and revise written procedures and documents that outlines the process once the enrollment decisions has been made that include the following information in way that is understandable to the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth:



- an explanation of the reasons for the determination
- a description of the appeal process, including appeal timelines and information on how and whom to appeal the decision

The LEA in collaboration with the local McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to provide training to new and returning LEA and campus staff on new or revised policies, written procedures, and documents that outlines the LEA policies and procedures for the McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process as part of LEA annual McKinney-Vento communication and training plan.

The LEA in collaboration with the local McKinney-Vento Liaison includes their local dispute resolution process and any documents or resources to assist parents, guardians, or unaccompanied youth with the dispute resolution process on their McKinney-Vento webpage.

8. Comparable Services

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth enroll in, and have equal opportunity to succeed in, schools in the LEA including:

- Ensuring access to services through Head Start programs (including early head start programs; IDEA Parts B and C, and other preschool programs administered by the LEA
- Comparable educational services including programs in Career and Technical Education; educational programs for BE/ESL; programs for Gifted and Talented students; and school nutrition programs.
- Comparable educational services provided under Title I, Part A of the ESEA

(42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)(A) (iii); 42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(4)(B-D); TEC § 89.1605; TEC § 89.1609; TEC § 89.1615)

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

- ☐ LEA policy with evidence of providing comparable services.
- ☐ Sample letters and/or meeting agendas with Head Start and local early childhood programs.
- □ Collaboration with special programs (e.g., Special Education, BE/ESL, Career and Technical Education, Gifted and Talented, etc.,) to assist with continuity of educational services or referral process.
- ☐ School nutrition services.
- □ Description Title I Part a funds reserved by the LEA for services to support students experiencing homelessness.
- ☐ Evidence that the LEA ensures coordination with Title I and McKinney-Vento program staff (e.g., comprehensive needs assessment, meeting agendas, minutes, notes, emails, etc.,).

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Communication and training plan at the beginning and throughout the school year. Implementation dates of the new or revised policies are provided to new and returning LEA or campus staff annually a part of the LEA McKinney-Vento communication and training

plan.



9. Coordination of Referrals, Resources, and Services

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA ensure that homeless families, children, and unaccompanied youth receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health, and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)(A)(iv))

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

Intake Form or notes.
Community Resource list/guide.
Evidence of referrals to community agencies.
LEA webpage with community resources information.
Flyer or brochures provided to parents, guardians, or unaccompanied youth
Community collaboration meeting agenda, notes, presentations, etc.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is **developing** an intake process/document to gather basic information from homeless families and unaccompanied youth to assess and provide community resources.

DEVELOPING

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is **developing** a follow-up communication process/document to assess and provide any new or additional resources.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed and implemented an intake process/document

to gather basic information from homeless families and unaccompanied youth to assess and **provide community resources** for:

PROFICIENT

- Health care
- Dental services
- Mental health
- Substance abuse
- Housing services
- Other appropriate services

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a follow-up communication process/document to assess and provide any new or additional community resources to homeless families and unaccompanied youth throughout the school year or during the summer break.

The McKinney-Vento has developed a process to documents the dates and resources provided during the intake process or during any follow-up communication/activity that occurs with the family or unaccompanied youth throughout the school year or during the summer break).

EXEMPLARY

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established an annual systematic intake process/document to gather basic information from homeless families and unaccompanied youth to assess and provide community resources for:

- Health care
- Dental services
- Mental health
- Substance abuse
- Housing services
- Other appropriate services

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established an annual systematic follow-up communication process/document to assess and provide any new or additional community resources to homeless families and unaccompanied youth throughout the school year or during any summer, holiday, or extended school break.

The McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to document the dates and resources provided during the intake process or during any follow-up communication/activity that occurs with the family or unaccompanied youth throughout the school year or



during any summer, holiday, or extended school break.
The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to develop and post a list of community resources on their McKinney-Vento webpage.
The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison reviews their intake data annually to identify any gaps or trends in the resources provided. This data is utilized to help improve the supports provided to students and families experiencing homelessness.

10. Transportation and School of Origin

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA ensure that they immediately enroll homeless children and unaccompanied youth, even if they do not have the records normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, records of immunization, and other required records, proof of residency, or other documentation; or has missed application or enrollment deadlines during any period of homelessness? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(1)(J)(iii))

Policies and procedures regarding students experiencing homelessness.
Evidence of communication with parent, guardian, unaccompanied youth, and transportation department.
Evidence coordination and collaboration with McKinney-Vento Liaison and Transportation department.
Transportation referral form or email.
Brochures or letters.
Intake form or notes.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY		
DEVELOPING The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing policies and procedures to ensure that School of Origin transportation services are provided in a timely manner.	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established policies and procedures to ensure that School of Origin transportation services are provided in a timely manner. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a: • McKinney-Vento transportation intake process/form to assess and document School of Origin transportation services • McKinney-Vento School of Origin transportation request process/document • McKinney-Vento transportation document that outlines the School of Origin transportation process • McKinney-Vento transportation document that provides School of Origin bus information (e.g., route, pick-up and drop off time, start date, contact information, etc.), to homeless families or unaccompanied youth • Process to track and monitor School of Origin transportation services	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to develop, review, and revise policies, procedures, and documents to ensure that School of Origin transportation services are provided in a timely manner. The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to develop, review, and revise: McKinney-Vento transportation intake process/form to assess and document School of Origin transportation services McKinney-Vento School of Origin transportation request process/document McKinney-Vento transportation document that outline the School of Origin transportation document that outline the School of Origin bus information (e.g., route, pick-up and drop off time, start date, contact information, etc.) to homeless families or		



11. Postsecondary Transition

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA McKinney-Vento Homeless liaison have a systematic process in place to 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); TEC § 89.1613)

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Four-year plans completed by students.
Career Inventory Results.
Course Guide.
Dual Enrollment policies.
Evidence that students took career development courses.
Notes or other evidence of meetings with parents and student's college and career planning.
Summer student internships.
Counselor meeting agendas and presentation.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA in collaboration with the	The LEA in collaboration with the	The LEA in collaboration with the
McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison is	McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison has	McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison
developing a process to inform	established a process to inform students	has established a systematic
tudents who were identified as both	who were identified as both homeless and	annual process to inform students
nomeless and an unaccompanied	an unaccompanied youth during their	who were identified as both
outh during their senior year of high	senior year of high school about their	homeless and an unaccompanied
school about their independent	independent status on FAFSA and provide	youth during their senior year of
status on FAFSA and provide the	the student a FAFSA verification status	high school about their
student a FAFSA verification status	form.	independent status on FAFSA and
form.		provide the student a FAFSA
	The McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed	verification status form.
	a process to draft and disseminate FAFSA	
	verification letters to homeless	The McKinney-Vento Liaison has
	unaccompanied youth (e.g., monthly,	developed a systematic monthly
	quarterly, each semester, etc.).	process to draft and disseminate FAFSA verification letters to
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	The McKinney-Vento Liaison has	homeless unaccompanied youth.
	developed a process to provide copies of the FAFSA letters to the designated	The Making on Manta Liniana has
	professional school counselor contact	The McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a process to provides a
	each semester.	copy of the FAFSA letters to the
		designated professional school
		counselor contact each month.

12. Postsecondary Transition

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA have mechanisms in place to ensure that homeless children and unaccompanied youth receive assistance from professional school counselors to support with college and career transition planning? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(1)(K; TEC § 89.1613)

Four-year plans completed by students.
Career Inventory Results.
Course Guide.
Dual Enrollment policies.
Evidence that students took career development courses.
Notes or other evidence of meetings with parents and student's college and career planning.
Summer student internships.
Counselor meeting agendas and presentation.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison is developing a process to assist students experiencing homelessness with college and career transition planning.	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison has established a process to assist students experiencing homelessness with: • Development of a four-year plan that includes post-secondary college and career options • Provide opportunities for career development and exploration activities • Complete career interest inventories • Information on dual credit courses • Post-secondary planning • Provide FAFSA assistance/verification letter for homeless unaccompanied Youth	The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison has established a systematic annual process to assist students experiencing homelessness with: • Development of a four-year plan that includes post-secondary college and career options • Provide opportunities for career development and exploration activities • Complete career interest inventories • Information on dual credit courses • Post-secondary planning • Provide FAFSA assistance/verification letter for homeless unaccompanied Youth The McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to coordinate and collaborate with new and returning professional school counselors and/or post-secondary advisors to support students experiencing homelessness with postsecondary college and career transition planning as part of their McKinney-Vento communication and /or training plan.

13. Transition Assistance

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA have systems to ease transition of students experiencing homelessness upon enrollment or identification? (TEC § 89.1605)

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

Policies and procedures regarding students experiencing homelessness.
Evidence of communication with parent, guardian, unaccompanied youth
Enrollment conference agenda, notes, checklist, etc.
Brochures or letters.

☐ Intake form or notes.

☐ Welcome packets.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY	
The LEA is in collaboration with the local McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison is developing systems to ease transitions of students experiencing homelessness upon enrollment or identification.	The LEA in collaboration with the local McKinney-Vento Homeless liaison has established a process to ease transitions of students experiencing homelessness by: • Providing welcome packets, introduction to school processes and programs during the first two weeks of enrollment at a new school • Providing introductions for new students that maintain student privacy and confidentiality to the school environment and process • Convening an enrollment conference within the first two weeks of enrollment or within the first two weeks after a student is identified as homeless	The LEA in collaboration with the local McKinney-Vento Homeless liaison has established a systematic annual process to ease transition of students experiencing homelessness by: Providing welcome packets, introduction to school processes and programs during the first two weeks of enrollment at a new school Providing introductions for new students that maintain student privacy and confidentiality to the school environment and process Convening an enrollment conference within the first two weeks of enrollment or within the first two weeks after a student is identified as homeless The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to inform LEA and campus staff of the processes to ease the transition of students experiencing homelessness as part of their McKinney-Vento communication and/or training plan.	

Military-Connected

14. Identification/PEIMS

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA identify military-connected students, and how does the LEA use this information to improve student outcomes? (ESSA of 2015, § 1111(h)(1)(C)(ii); TEC § 25.006)

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

□ Enrollment	packets.
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☐ PEIMS data.

☐ LEA data system and reports.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
LEA has a plan to include the military student identifier question to their enrollment packet.	LEA includes the military student identifier question in their enrollment packet. The LEA provides identification data to school staff.	The LEA has established a systematic process for identifying military-connected students upon enrollment and uses data gathered on military-connected students to better personalize academic services and supports for students. The LEA provides identification data to teachers, counselors, and other key staff and trains staff on providing appropriate support to military-connected students. LEA identifies transition patterns, needs, and supports that are associated with particular categories of mobile students and with particular sending and receiving LEAs.

15. Ease of School Transitions (a)

PROBING QUESTION

What systems does the LEA use to ensure the ease of transition for military-connected students? (TEC § 162, Art. IV; TEC § 25.006)

- ☐ Procedures for transition and enrollment.
- ☐ Communication with families on school transitions.
- ☐ Military liaison duties.
- ☐ Military family webpage.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA is developing a system for easing transitions for military-connected students during the first two weeks of	The LEA has a process to ease the transition of military-connected students.	The LEA has established a systematic process for easing the transition of military-connected
enrollment.	Campuses give 30 days for students to obtain immunizations.	students and reviews this process annually.
Campuses give 30 days for students to		
obtain immunizations.	Campuses accept unofficial records in the event that official records cannot be	The LEA communicates with
	obtained.	families on the importance of notifying schools of upcoming transitions.
	Campuses send official records within 10	
	days of request.	The campus has a designated staff member serving as a military
	The school district does not charge tuition for students who reside in military housing	liaison who provides support and professional development for key
	and are exempt from taxation by the district.	personnel around academic transfer challenges.
		The LEA or campus maintains an easily accessible webpage with information for military families on relocation, enrollment and registration, academic planning, counseling and support services, and the campus-based military liaison contact.

16. Ease of School Transitions (b)

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA ensure transitioning military-connected students can participate in extra-curricular activities and are integrated into their receiving school's community? (TEC §162, Art. VI(B); 19 TAC §61.1063; TEC §25.006)

- ☐ Guidelines for student acceptance in extra-curricular activities.
- ☐ Military liaison duties.
- ☐ Student transition program activities (pictures, social media, presentation materials, etc.).

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA has a plan to develop guidelines and programs to support the integration of military-connected students into the school community.	LEA has developed guidelines for waiving deadlines and certain try-out rules in extra-curricular activities.	LEA has developed systematic processes to foster student access to extracurricular programs, including waiving deadlines and certain try-out rules in extracurricular activities. The campus has a designated staff member serving as a military liaison, who oversees programs that help integrate military-connected students into the school community and provides training to key staff on transition challenges for military-connected students.
		The campus offers a student transition program led by school staff, the campus military liaison, or student leaders.

17. Post-Secondary Preparation

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA promote post-secondary study for military-connected students? (EC §25.006; 19 TAC §61, Subchapter FF)

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- ☐ Procedures for monitoring graduation plans.
- □ Counseling schedule, notes, or other evidence of meetings with students and/or families regarding post-secondary preparation.
- ☐ Military liaison duties.
- ☐ Student attendance of college events.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
Students may graduate with endorsements.	Students graduate with endorsements. Students have post-secondary plans in	The LEA has a systematic process for ensuring students graduate on-time and preparing students for
Students may have post-secondary plans in their personal graduation	their personal graduation plans.	post-secondary study. The LEA reviews this process annually.
plans.	The LEA provides services for military-connected students in transition when applying and receiving post-secondary funding.	The LEA provides services for military-connected students in transition for all aspects of post-secondary study. The campus has a designated staff member serving as a military liaison who provides guidance to military-connected students on college, career, and military readiness.
		Students are connected with college campus tours, out of town opportunities, and/or other opportunities to link students with college and career exploration.

18. Collaboration with Stakeholders

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA maintain connection with the closest military installation(s) and School Liaison Officer(s) (SLO) (if applicable)? (TEC §25.006)

- ☐ Correspondence and evidence of meetings between LEA and military base(s).
- ☐ Correspondence and evidence of meetings between LEA and SLO.
- ☐ Professional development materials from SLO trainings.
- □ Evidence of active-duty military member engagement on campus (pictures, social media, event flyers, presentation materials, etc.).

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA is developing systems of communication between nearby military bases and SLO (if applicable).	The LEA maintains a partnership with nearby military base(s) and SLO(s) (if applicable). The LEA provides information to base leadership on its needs and how the base can support and engage with campuses to benefit students.	The LEA maintains the relationship with base personnel at the system level. The LEA keeps aware of military developments, the mission of its nearby base(s), and understands the nature of the service members employed there. If applicable: The LEA collaborates and maintains a relationship with its SLO, who provides training to LEA staff and promotes TEA military-connected student resources. The LEA engages active-duty military members on campus by offering them to volunteer at local schools, speak at a school assembly, or host a school field trip.



19. Graduation Preparation

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA support a military-connected student who has moved after the end of their junior year of high school to graduate on time? (TEC §162, Art. VII; TEC § 25.006)

- □ Procedures for determining graduation eligibility for transitioning students.
 □ Course equivalencies.
- ☐ Attendance rosters and/or materials for professional development on requirements for the Military Interstate Compact (MIC) and TEC 25.006.
- ☐ Correspondence and evidence of meetings with LEAs outside of Texas.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA is developing processes that support transitioning students in their senior year to graduate on time.	The LEA has established procedures to lessen the adverse impact of student moves to a new school after the end of the student's junior year of high school.	The LEA has established systematic procedures and training for key staff to ensure military-connected students
The LEA considers the variability of military-connected students' coursework and may provide alternative options for students who do not meet the LEA's graduation	The LEA waives specific courses required if similar coursework has been completed in other LEA, otherwise the LEA finds an alternative.	transitioning after the end of their junior year are able to graduate on time. The LEA reviews these procedures annually.
requirements.	The LEA accepts end-of-course exams required for graduation from the sending school, national achievement tests, or alternative tests in lieu of the receiving school's testing requirements.	The LEA reviews the Interstate Compact on Education Opportunity for Military Children, trains staff on its requirements regarding graduation preparation, and works with member states to establish transition procedures.
	If the receiving LEA does not find the student eligible to graduate, it requests a diploma from the previous LEA.	Saturday procedures

20. School Stability

PROBING QUESTION

What leeway does the LEA provide for military-connected students seeking to enroll when in the custody of a non-custodial parent? [TEC §162, Art. VI; TEC §25.004]

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- ☐ Guidelines for waiving tuition.
- ☐ List of allowable actions by non-custodial parents.
- ☐ Identification of non-custodial parents.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
LEA is developing procedures for allowing special guardianship for military-connected students.	The LEA has established procedures for allowing special guardianship for military-connected students.	The LEA has established systematic procedures for situations involving non- custodial parents, identifying military-
	The LEA allows special power of attorney for guardianship and other actions requiring parental consent.	connected students in the custody of a non-custodial parent, and informing military- connected students' families of their options
	LEA does not charge tuition for a student living in care of non-custodial parent living in another jurisdiction than the parent (if applicable).	regarding non- custodial parents. The LEA reviews these procedures annually.
	The LEA allows students in care of non- custodial parents to continue attending the school in which they enrolled when residing with their parent.	

21. Course Placement / Transcript Interpretation

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA honor the previous school's placement of a military-connected student when considering placement in academic courses, education programs, and special education services? (TEC §162, Art. V)

□ Procedu	ires.
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- □ Collaboration with sending schools (correspondence, meeting notes, course equivalencies).
- ☐ Special considerations made for military-connected students.
- ☐ Military family webpage link.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA reviews coursework for	Campuses honor the previous school's	The LEA has established
transitioning students and seeks to	placement of the student in academic	systematic processes and trains
award students' credit for courses taken	courses and educational programs (GT,	key staff to work with the sending
at the sending school.	BE/ESL).	school and to evaluate the
		previous coursework and
The LEA has a process for evaluating a	Campuses provide comparable special	educational programs for
student's eligibility for educational	education services based on student's current IEP.	transitioning military-connected
programs and seeks to place students in	current IEP.	students to ensure minimal
the same programs as the sending	The LEA is flexible when waiving	disruption of their academic
school.	course/program prerequisites.	advancement. The LEA reviews
	prerequisites.	these processes annually.
The LEA reviews the student's current	Students in kindergarten-1st grade are	
IEP and seeks to provide comparable	allowed to continue with their grade level	Campuses provide comparable or
special education services as the	from their last state, regardless of age.	equivalent academic, educational,
sending school.		and special education services. The
		LEA provides additional support
		for students if the receiving schoo
		does not have comparable courses
		programs, and/or services as the
		sending school.
		The LEA is flexible when waiving
		course/program prerequisites and
		allows students to advance based
		on mastery of content.
		on mastery or content.
		The LEA maintains an easily
		accessible webpage with
		information for military families
		on academic planning.



Foster Care

22. Designation of Foster Care (FC) Liaison

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA have a designated Liaison in place for addressing enrollment and school transitions for students in foster care? (TEC §33.904)

- ☐ Documented processes in training manuals.
- ☐ Clear process and procedures for communicating student information to FC Liaison are in place and documented.
- ☐ An annual process for reviewing and maintaining FC Liaison information is documented.
- ☐ A training schedule and roster of who attended trainings are maintained.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA is developing a process to ensure that there is always a foster	The LEA has a FC Liaison in place.	The LEA has a FC Liaison in place, who is widely known on campuses
care liaison in place and that accurate and up-to-date contact information is	The LEA FC Liaison information is up-to- date and accurately maintained in	throughout the district.
maintained in AskTED.	AskTED.	Regular ongoing training and information is provided and shared
	Campuses have processes in place for communicating with the FC Liaison when	to campuses via the FC Liaison.
	needed.	FC Liaison serves as a leader and connector internally and externally
	The FC Liaison (or designee) regularly supports students in foster care when enrolling or withdrawing from the district.	to mitigate barriers, due to school transitions, and provide support for students in foster care.
		The FC Liaison plays an active role in addressing the needs of students in foster care and ensuring all LEA requirements for this student group are fulfilled.
		Processes, procedures, and checklists are used to ensure compliance with foster care liaison duties and related requirements.
		The LEA has developed and coordinated "Campus Champions" to assist LEA FC Liaison serving students in foster care.



23. Identification

PROBING QUESTION

Is the LEA properly identifying students in foster care and coding students in PEIMS? (TEC §7.029)

- ☐ Guidance documents for identifying students in foster care and process for accurately identifying students are documented.
- ☐ Clear process and procedures for communicating student information to FC Liaison are in place and documented.
- ☐ An annual process for reviewing and maintaining FC Liaison information is documented.
- ☐ A training schedule and roster of who attended trainings are maintained.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY	
The LEA is developing a method for	The LEA has a process in place for	There are clear processes in place	
identifying students in foster care.	identifying students in foster care at	for identifying students, while	
	enrollment. This process accounts for both	maintaining student privacy and	
District staff are developing an	in person and remote enrollment.	anonymity, and communicating	
awareness of the necessary		this information with the district	
paperwork and required forms	Front office staff are familiar with the	FC Liaison.	
provided by DFPS to accurately	required paperwork for identifying		
identify a student in foster care.	students in foster care.	Ongoing training is provided to front office staff on how to	
	There are clear processes in place for	properly identify and serve	
	properly identifying students while	students in foster care.	
	maintaining student privacy and anonymity.		

24. Immediate Enrollment

PROBING QUESTION

Are students in foster care enrolled immediately without delay? (TEC §25.002(g))

- ☐ A copy of policies and procedures are provided.
- ☐ Annual process for reviewing and refining policies and practices is in place and documented.
- ☐ The process for how to communicate between the FC Liaison and campus staff is documented.
- ☐ A training schedule and roster of who attended training is maintained.
- ☐ Training is provided to appropriate school personnel concerning required transition activities.
- □ LEA campus staff actively use PID and PET systems to look up information and connect with the child's previous school(s) in the event of missing records, educational gaps, or any other reason a student's previous school(s) may need to be contacted. In these instances, FC Liaisons and campus staff are encouraged to collaborate for the betterment of the student.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
Students sometimes experience delays with enrollment and are not always enrolled immediately. The LEA is in the process of reviewing and revising any LEA or campus enrollment policies or practices that may act as a barrier to immediate enrollment.	Students are enrolled immediately without delay (regardless if they have paperwork generally required for enrollment). The LEA has written policies and procedures in place to ensure there are no barriers to immediate enrollment for students in foster care, including familiarity with CPS enrollment expectations.	There is a systemized process for communicating with LEA FC Liaisor regarding new students upon enrollment that is reviewed atleast annually. There is a systematized process for reviewing and revising any LEA or campus enrollment policies or practices that may act as a barrier to immediate enrollment that is reviewed at-least annually. At-least annually, front office staff administrators, counselors, and other relevant staff are trained or immediate enrollment requirements for students in foste care. The LEA FC Liaison has an established relationship with the DFPS Regional Education Specialist to assist with enrollment challenges. There is a systematized annual process for the LEA to communicate with the DFPS Education Specialist.



25. School Transitions

PROBING QUESTION

Are there additional systems in place to ease school transitions in the first two-weeks of enrollment for students in foster care?

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- ☐ A process for campus introductions is documented.
- ☐ A process for assisting students in securing their nutrition benefits are documented.
- ☐ A process for how enrollment conferences are conducted is documented at the LEA and campus level.
- ☐ A training schedule and roster of who attended trainings concerning required transition activities are maintained.
- ☐ An explanation of how PID and PET is used by FC Liaisons and other campus staff to support students when additional information is needed from a previous school that the child attended is documented and integrated into training.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
Campuses are developing processes in place to ease school transitions in the first 2-weeks of enrollment for students in foster care, as outlined in TAC § 89.1065.	Campuses have the following activities in place to ease school transitions for students in foster care: • Welcome packets • Campus introductions • Nutrition benefits upon enrollment • Enrollment conference	Training is provided to appropriate school personnel concerning required transition activities. LEA campus staff actively use TREX, TSDS and enrollment systems such as PID and PET to look up information and connect with the child's previous school(s) in the event of missing records, missing partial/credits, educationa gaps, or any other reason a student's previous school(s) may need to be contacted. In these instances, FC Liaisons and campus staff collaborate for the betterment of the student. Procedures, policies, and checklists are used to ease school transitions and reviewed annually.

26. Post-Secondary Preparation

PROBING QUESTION

- Are school counselors working with students in foster care to make sure they graduate with endorsements and have post-secondary plans in place, as outlined in (TAC 89 § 16133)?
- Are students provided information in their 11th and 12th grade about how to activate their lifetime tuition and fees waiver benefit (TEC § 54.366)?

- ☐ The process for communicating with students in foster care concerning their tuition and fees waiver benefit is documented.
- ☐ The LEA has data on the number of students in foster care in grades 9-12 that have PGP's, endorsements and/or post-secondary plans in place, in comparison to the total number of students in foster care.
- ☐ The LEA has a report on the number of students in foster care who are informed of their tuition and fees waiver and the number of students who activate the tuition and fees waiver.
- ☐ The LEA has a documented process and related data report to inform post-secondary preparation and planning with students, including number of students in grades 9-12 that have PGP's, endorsements and/or post-secondary plans in place, in comparison to the total number of students in foster care.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA is working with each campus to develop a process to ensure foster students are planning for post-secondary opportunities including: • Endorsements • Post-Secondary plans in their PGP's • Awareness of the lifetime college tuition and fee waivers in grades 11/12	LEA or campuses have a process to check that student in foster care: • Are on track to graduate with endorsements. • Have-post-secondary plans in their PGP's. • Are aware of their lifetime college tuition and fees waiver benefit)	Students are connected to college campus tours and/or other opportunities to link students with college and career exploration. Students are connected to Higher Education FC Liaisons to support and encourage students in progressing to post-secondary. Student's frequently have their tuition and fees waiver activated by enrollment in a dual credit course, or college course where students may earn college credit. The LEA uses data to inform planning and targeted communication and outreach with students, concerning their PGP, Endorsements, College and Career plans, and notification of the tuition and fees waiver. This information is shared and discussed among the school counselor, foster care liaison and other relevant parties within the district. Systemized processes including policies, procedures, and checklists are in place and annually reviewed by staff and shared in training.

27. Continuity – Placement in Educational Programs, Courses, and Services

PROBING QUESTION

- Are students placed in educational programs and coursework using assessments, recommendations and programs based on the student's prior enrollment and course placement from the sending school, as described in (TAC §89.1609)?
 - Educational programs include, but are not limited to, gifted and talented program services, bilingual, or special language services for emergent bilingual students, career and technical education and early college high school.
 - Course placement includes, but is not limited to honors, International Baccalaureate, Advanced Placement, vocational, technical and career pathway courses.
- Is the LEA utilizing the referral made by the student's sending school (when applicable) concerning an
 evaluation for special education (TAC § 89.1615), in accordance with the timelines established in (TAC §
 89.1011)?

- □ District policies, guidance, and practice promote educational continuity and the expectations concerning consistent placement in educational programs and services that were provided by the previous school (when applicable).
- ☐ A data report that maintains and tracks educational placement and coursework continuity is maintained.
- □ A training schedule and roster of who attended trainings concerning the importance of educational continuity and program placement are maintained.
- $\hfill \square$ Data report with information reviewed and analyzed.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
A majority of students are consistently placed in coursework and educational programs similar to the student's previous school. The LEA sometimes utilizes the student's referral for a special education evaluation (when applicable) that was made by the student's sending school.	All students are placed in similar education programs and coursework based on assessments, recommendations, and information from the previous school without delay. Students are provided the opportunity to earn their same endorsement category, when applicable. The receiving school accepts a referral to an evaluation for SPED services and adheres to all required timelines (when applicable). When a student is already eligible for SPED services, the receiving district or charters school must ensure that it meets the student transfer requirements.	The LEA ensures seamless transition between the sending and receiving school and works with the sending school to ensure all credits, coursework, and details concerning the student's coursework are coordinated. There are consistent communication processes established between the Special Education Department and LEA Foster Care Liaison to ensure services are provided in a timely manner and meet the unique needs of each student. Annual training is provided to appropriate school personnel concerning the importance of continuity of educational services and programs, as described in this section.
		The LEA uses data collected to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the LEAs processes and identifies avenues for targeted



improvement to ensure maximum continuity for students in foster care annually.
Systemized processes including policies, procedures, and checklists are in place and annually reviewed by staff and shared in training.

Other Special Populations – Self-Assessment



28. School Stability – ESSA Requirements

PROBING QUESTION

- Does the LEA have procedures, systems, and processes in place for coordinating with DFPS and addressing school of origin transportation, and payment for "additional transportation costs" for students in foster care? (ESEA Section 1112(c)(5)(B))
- Does the LEA coordinate with local child welfare representatives to support Education Best-Interest Decisions? (ESEA Section 1111(g)(1)(E)(i))

- □ A training schedule and roster of who attended trainings concerning the importance of educational continuity and program placement are maintained.
- □ Data report with information reviewed and analyzed.
- □ A process for collaborating with DFPS concerning education best-interest decisions and sharing relevant information with the designated child welfare point of contact is reviewed and maintained annually.
- □ A report describing 'additional transportation' costs and related data for students in foster care annually is collected and available for review.
- □ A training schedule and roster of who attended trainings concerning the importance of educational continuity and program placement are maintained.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA is developing a process to ensure transportation procedures for foster care students are in place. The LEA and DFPS sometimes work together concerning education best-interest.	Transportation procedures are in place and the district has a process for collaborating with child welfare to address 'additional transportation costs' associated with maintaining a child in their school of origin (when needed). The LEA has a process for annually reviewing and updating this policy and procedures with the Child Welfare point of contact. The LEA regularly collaborates with DFPS to provide information about student needs, strengths and makes recommendations and has a process in place for coordinating on best-interest decisions.	School districts work collaboratively with child welfare to ensure that school of origin transportation is provided, and additional costs associated are covered when needed for students in foster care. The LEA is familiar with TASB's Exhibit B Individual Transportation Plan Template for Students in Foster Care and uses this resource to support LEA planning concerning transportation for students in foster care. The LEA actively works with DFPS to make collaborative education best-interest decisions. The LEA FC Liaison plays a lead role in collecting information from appropriate parties in the school (teacher, coach, counselor, etc.) and collaborates with DFPS to inform school of origin.
		appropriate parties among the sending and receiving school, transportation departments, child welfare parties, etc. to ensure a



student remains in their school of origin, whenever possible.

The LEA FC Liaison plays a lead role in ensuring use of TASB Exhibit A Students in Foster Care Educational Best Interest Factors form and coordinates with LEA staff and DFPS to inform education best-interest decisions.

Training is provided to appropriate staff on ESSA School Stability requirements for students in foster care annually.

Processes are in place to collect data concerning 'additional transportation costs' including how many students were served, the actual costs, and method of delivery are maintained and regularly reviewed.

Systemized processes including policies, procedures, and checklists are in place and annually reviewed by staff and shared in training.



29. Award of Credit for Highly Mobile Foster Care Students

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA have local policies, procedures and practices in place that assists with the awarding of credit for highly mobile foster care students? (Award of Credit TAC §89.1607)

- □ District policies, procedures and guidance documents concerning the award of credit for mobile students.
- ☐ Credit by exam window schedule.
- □ A data report containing the number of credit recovery and transition plans in place annually, as it relates to promotion, graduation, etc. is available.
- ☐ A training schedule and roster of who attended training is maintained.



30. Collaboration with Stakeholders

PROBING QUESTION

- Does the LEA work in a collaborative multidisciplinary manner amongst district and campus leaders to support the needs of students in foster care?
- Does the LEA work collaboratively with stakeholders outside of the district to support the needs of students in foster care (child welfare, CASA community organizations, others)?

- ☐ A list of internal department contacts is maintained.
- ☐ A list of external department contacts is maintained.
- ☐ A training schedule for internal and external coordination is maintained.
- □ A consistent meeting schedule is implemented across departments and organizations to promote coordination.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA inconsistently collaborates across departments internally to address the needs of students in foster care. The LEA in consistently collaborates with external stakeholders to address the needs of students in foster care.	The LEA collaborates across departments to address the needs of students in foster care. The LEA collaborates with external stakeholders to address the needs of students in foster care.	The LEA has a regular process in place for coordinating with internal stakeholders. The LEA has a regular process in place for coordinating with external stakeholders. The LEA conducts crossdepartment training to increase awareness and promote coordination for serving students. The LEA participates in crossagency training and planning to increase awareness and promote coordination with external stakeholders to best serve students. The FC Liaison plays a lead role in coordinating internal and external collaboration to support students in foster care. Written procedures and processes for collaboration are in place and reviewed annually.



Student Performance

The self-assessment is organized within a diagnostic framework that addresses seven areas of compliance across three domains. Within the **Student Performance** domain, the leadership team will consider practices related to student achievement that support improved outcomes for students in special populations.



McKinney-Vento Act (Students Experiencing Homelessness)

1. Academic Interventions and Progress Monitoring

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA have established procedures to ensure early academic interventions and ongoing progress monitoring to address the academic needs of identified students experiencing homelessness?

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

- □ Evidence of academic monitoring (e.g., attendance reports, six- or nine-week grade reports, credit reports, etc.,).
 □ Evidence of communication with LEA and campus staff regarding students in need of additional academic support.
- □ Evidence coordination and collaboration with LEA and campus staff to support ongoing progress monitoring.
- ☐ Evidence of student supports (e.g., tutoring, summer school, IGC, etc.,).

DEVELOPING

The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is **developing a process to monitor student grades and attendance** each semester and **communicate** with appropriate LEA personnel regarding students in need of additional academic support.

The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing process to collaborate and coordinate ongoing academic progress monitoring in partnership with LEA and campus staff. This includes, but is not limited to monitoring attendance, grades, credit recovery, end of course exam proficiency, etc., each semester.

PROFICIENT

The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to monitor student grades and attendance and communicates with the appropriate LEA and campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented staff, etc.,) regarding students in need of additional academic support each semester.

The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to collaborate and coordinate ongoing academic progress monitoring in partnership with LEA and campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented staff, etc.,). This includes, but is not limited to monitoring attendance, grades, credit recovery, end of course exam proficiency, etc., each semester.

EXEMPLARY

The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to monitor student grades and attendance and communicates with appropriate LEA and campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented staff, etc..) regarding students in need of additional academic support every grading period.

The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic process to collaborate and coordinate ongoing academic progress monitoring in partnership with LEA and campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented staff, etc.). This includes, but is not limited to monitoring attendance, grades, credit recovery, end of course exam proficiency, etc., each grading period.



2. Utilization of State Assessment and Promotion Data

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA utilize student data to identify and implement academic interventions and support services to ensure students experiencing homelessness achieve grade-level standards on state mandated assessments, promote on grade-level, and graduate on time?

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

Disaggregated McKinney-Vento student data.
Procedures for making data available to the appropriate LEA and campuses staff.
Evidence of modifications made to programs based on data analysis.
Evidence of communication with other special programs (e.g., Special Education, BE/ESL, Career and Technical
Education, Gifted and Talented, etc.,) to review and monitor student progress.
Evidence of communication with LEA and campus staff of attendance or academic concerns.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a process to utilize student data to identify and facilitate academic interventions and support services for students experiencing homelessness.

DEVELOPING

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a process to communicate any attendance or academic concerns with the appropriate LEA or campus staff each semester.

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PROFICIENT

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to communicate any attendance or academic concerns with the appropriate LEA or campus staff each semester.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a process to meet with LEA or campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, attendance officers, dropout prevention staff, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented program staff, etc.,) annually to review student progress monitoring components (e.g., attendance, grades, credits, assessments, intervention, etc.,) for high school students (grades 9th-12th) experiencing homelessness to support achievement on state-mandated assessments and cohort graduation.

EXEMPLARY

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to utilize student data to identify and facilitate academic interventions and support services for students experiencing homelessness.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic process to communicate any attendance or academic concerns with the appropriate LEA or campus staff each grading period.

The LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established a systematic annual process to meet with LEA or campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, attendance officers, dropout prevention staff, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented program staff, etc.,) at the end of each semester or as needed to review student progress monitoring components (e.g., attendance, grades, credits, assessments, intervention, etc.,) for high school students (grades 9th-12th) experiencing homelessness to determine any interventions and services



Other Special Populations – Self-Assessment needed to support achievement on state-mandated assessments and cohort graduation. These processes are reviewed annually and included in their



McKinney-Vento communication

and training.

Military-Connected

3. Progress Monitoring

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA utilize student data to identify and implement academic interventions and support services to ensure military-connected students achieve grade-level standards on state mandated assessments, promote on grade-level, and graduate on time?

- ☐ Academic planning data.
- ☐ Assessment data.
- ☐ Course placement testing for transitioning students.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA is developing a process to utilize student data to identify and facilitate academic interventions and support services for military-connected students.	The LEA ensures that military-connected students make up any deficits or ensure students who are ahead can continue where they left off. The LEA has established a process to meet with LEA or campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, attendance officers, dropout prevention staff, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented program staff, etc.,) annually to review student progress monitoring components (e.g., attendance, grades, credits, assessments, intervention, etc.,) for eleventh and twelfth grade military-connected students to support achievement on state mandated assessments and cohort graduation.	LEAs have established systematic processes for tracking the performance of military-connected students and ensuring transitioning students can make up any deficits or continue where they left off. The LEA reviews these processes annually. The LEA has a systematic process to meet with LEA or campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, attendance officers, dropout prevention staff, Special Education BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented program staff, etc) at the end of each semester or as needed to review student progress monitoring components (e.g., attendance, grades, credits, assessments, intervention, etc) to determine any modifications needed to ensure eleventh and twelfth grade students, to support achievement on state mandated assessments and cohort graduation.



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4. Progress Monitoring

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA utilize student data to identify and implement academic interventions and support services to ensure students in foster care achieve grade-level standards on state mandated assessments, promote on grade-level, and graduate on time?

SOURCES OF EVIDENCE

- □ Evidence of communication with LEA and campus staff regarding students in need of additional academic support or attendance concerns.
- ☐ Evidence of student supports (e.g., tutoring, summer school, IGC, etc.).
- ☐ Procedures for making data available to the appropriate LEA and campus staff.

The LEA is developing a process to utilize student data to identify and facilitate academic interventions and support services for students in foster care. The LEA is developing a process to

The LEA is developing a process to ensure that students are connected to appropriate support services (e.g., behavioral, and mental health, etc.) when needed.

PROFICIENT

The LEA has established a process to communicate any attendance or academic concerns with the appropriate LEA or campus staff each semester.

The LEA has established a process to meet with LEA or campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, attendance officers, dropout prevention staff, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented program staff, etc.,) annually to review student progress monitoring components (e.g., attendance, grades, credits, assessments, intervention, etc.,) for eleventh and twelfth grade students in foster care to support achievement on state mandated assessments and cohort graduation.

The LEA has a process to ensure that students are connected to appropriate support services (e.g., behavioral, and mental health, etc.) when needed).

EXEMPLARY

The LEA in collaboration with the Foster Care Liaison has established a systematic process to communicate any attendance or academic concerns with the appropriate LEA or campus staff each grading period.

The LEA in collaboration with the Foster Care Liaison has a systematic process to meet with LEA or campus staff (e.g., administrators, counselors, attendance officers, dropout prevention staff, Special Education, BE/ESL, Gifted and Talented program staff, etc.,) at the end of each semester or as needed to review student progress monitoring components (e.g., attendance, grades, credits, assessments, intervention, etc.,) to determine any modifications needed to ensure eleventh and twelfth grade students in foster care, to support achievement on state mandated assessments and cohort graduation.

The LEA pro-actively connects students (when needed) to appropriate support services (e.g., behavioral, and mental health, etc.) and monitors the effectiveness of these supports on student achievement.



Family Engagement/Parental Involvement

The self-assessment is organized within a diagnostic framework that addresses seven areas of compliance across three domains. Within the **Family Engagement/Parental Involvement** domain, the leadership team will consider practices related to involving parents/guardians and other family members in the education of students with disabilities. In addressing each item of the self-assessment, the leadership team will consider two guiding questions related to the Family Engagement domain.



McKinney-Vento Act (Students Experiencing Homelessness)

1. Parent Involvement

PROBING QUESTION

How does the LEA ensure that the parents or guardians of homeless children and youth are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to their children and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children? (42 U.S.C. § 11432 (g)(6)(A)(v))

LEA website.
Program welcome letter, brochure, and resources.
Parent surveys.
Newsletters
Flyers for open houses.
Documentation for engagement events/activities held (e.g., planning documents, invitations, agendas, etc.,).

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing an intake process/document to gather basic information from parents/guardians/families to assess and provide any LEA, campus, or community programs, resources, or opportunities for parent/guardians/families to participate and support their child's education. The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison is developing a follow-up communication process/document to assess and provide any new or additional LEA, campus, or community programs, resources, or opportunities to parents/guardians/families so that they can participate and support their child's education throughout the school year or during the summer break.	The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed and implemented an intake process/document to gather basic information from parents/guardians/families to assess and provide any LEA, campus, or community program, resources, or opportunities for parent/guardians/families to participate and support their child's education. The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has developed a follow-up communication process/document to assess and provide any new or additional LEA, campus, or community programs, resources, or opportunities to parents/guardians/families so that they can participate and support their child's education throughout the school year or during the summer break.	The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has establish a systematic annual intake process/document to gather basic information from parents/guardians/families to assess and provide any LEA, campus, or community program, resources, or opportunities for parent/guardians/families to participate and support their child's education. The LEA, in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has established an annual systematic follow-up communication process/document to assess and provide any new or additional LEA, campus, or community programs, resources, or opportunities to parents/guardians/families so that they can participate and support their child's education throughout the school year or during any summer, holiday, or extended school break. LEA in collaboration with the McKinney-Vento Liaison has



Other Special Populations – Self-Assessment		
		established a systematic annual McKinney-Vento communication plan to inform parents/guardians/families on a regular and planned cadence throughout the year.



Military-Connected

2. Military Family Engagement

PROBING QUESTION

How does to the LEA engage with military families? (TEC §25.087)

- ☐ Evidence of outreach (flyers, emails, event rosters, etc.).
- ☐ Military family point of contact.
- ☐ Military liaison duties.
- ☐ Procedures regarding student absences.
- □ Evidence of school programs for active-duty military members (pictures, social media, event flyers, presentation materials, etc.).
- ☐ Military family webpage link.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA provides standard updates to	The LEA maintains outreach to military	The LEA has established a
military families.	families to keep them informed of	systematic process of reaching out
	academic and non-academic	to families beyond the scheduled
The LEA is developing a plan to increase	opportunities.	schoolwide parent-teacher
outreach to military families.		meetings to keep them informed
	The LEA has a point of contact for military	of academic and non-academic
The LEA is in the process of appointing a designated point of	families who provides support with enrollment and academic planning.	opportunities.
contact for military families.	·	Campuses have a designated staff
	Students are given excused absences to visit their parent or legal guardian who is called for duty for, on leave from, or returns home from deployment.	member serving as a military liaison who is knowledgeable of military-connected student issues, trains key staff on engaging military families and serves as a point-of-contact for military families.
		Campuses have programs for
		engaging parents who are
		deployed or soon-to-be-deployed.
		Campuses offer a military
		initiative to engage active-duty
		military members with the school.
		The LEA maintains an easily accessible webpage with information for military families, including information on relocation, enrollment and registration, academic planning, counseling and support services, and the campus-based military liaison contact.



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3. Parent Involvement

PROBING QUESTION

Does the LEA collaborate and include the child's education-decision maker, caregiver, and/or caseworker, or other relevant parties concerning education matters, where 'parents' are normally consulted with on behalf of the student?

For example, activities such as 'enrollment conferences, consultation and sign-off of the student's graduation plan, etc.

- ☐ The district has a documented process for following up with parties from the child welfare system, concerning the needs of students in foster care.
- ☐ The district has documentation to support the frequency of communication with those supporting the student (education decision-maker, caregiver, caseworker, etc.).
- □ Documentation highlighted special events and/or opportunities where relevant parties from the child welfare system are engaged and invited to participate.

DEVELOPING	PROFICIENT	EXEMPLARY
The LEA sometimes works with the child welfare education-decision maker, caregiver, or caseworker, concerning pertinent education matters. The LEA is developing a process for communicating required information to the student's education decision-maker, as noted on the 2085-E. The LEA is in the process of developing specific resources to engage foster parents and caregivers.	The LEA communicates with the child welfare education-decision maker, caregiver, or caseworker on pertinent education matters. The LEA has processes for communicating required information to the student's education decision-maker, as noted on the 2085-E. The LEA regularly communicates information to foster parents and caregivers to support the academic success of students.	The LEA regularly communicates with relevant parties in the student's case, such as the child welfare education-decision maker, caregiver, or caseworker on pertinent education matters. The LEA provides regular training and communication opportunities with the child's caregiver, education-decision maker, caseworker, or other relevant parties, to ensure they have an opportunity to ask questions on education related matters. The LEA has consistent processes and written procedures in place, to ensure that the LEA communicates required information to the student's education decision-maker, as noted on the 2085-E. The LEA provides intentional support and engagement with foster parents and caregivers to address the individualized and unique needs of students in foster care.

