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Objectives and Outline

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

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



Common Terminology

McKinney-Vento

Refers to the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Texas Education for Homeless Children and Youth (TEHCY) Program

Refers to the Texas McKinney-Vento program

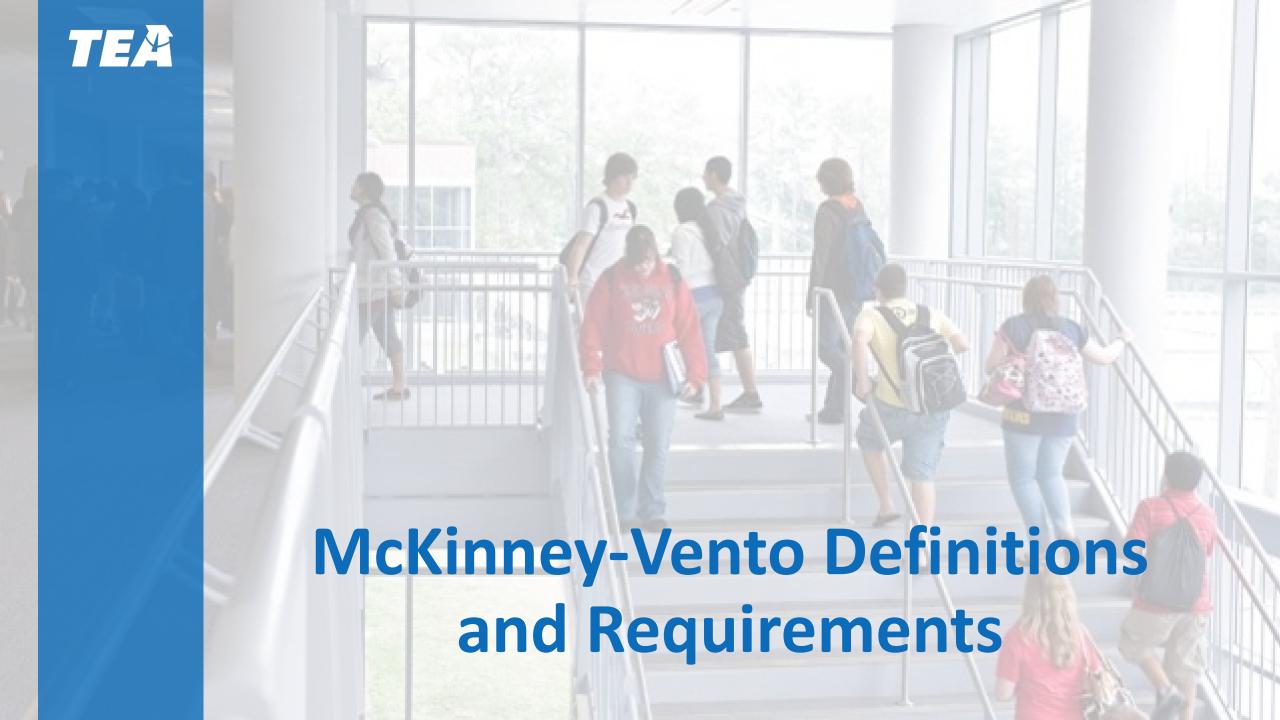
Students Experiencing Homelessness

Refers to McKinney-Vento eligible students

Local Education Agencies (LEAs)

Refers to Texas public schools and open-enrollment charter schools





McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

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







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

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



Who is covered by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act? (continued)

- Children and youth who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence, including children and youth:
 - Living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings
 - Migratory children living in the above circumstances

[42 U.S.C. § 11434a(2)]

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

[42 U.S.C § 11434a(6)]



McKinney-Vento Requirements for All LEAs



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



Identify students experiencing homelessness



Enroll students experiencing homelessness immediately, even without required records



Make student records available in a timely manner



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



McKinney-Vento Requirements for All LEAs (cont.)



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



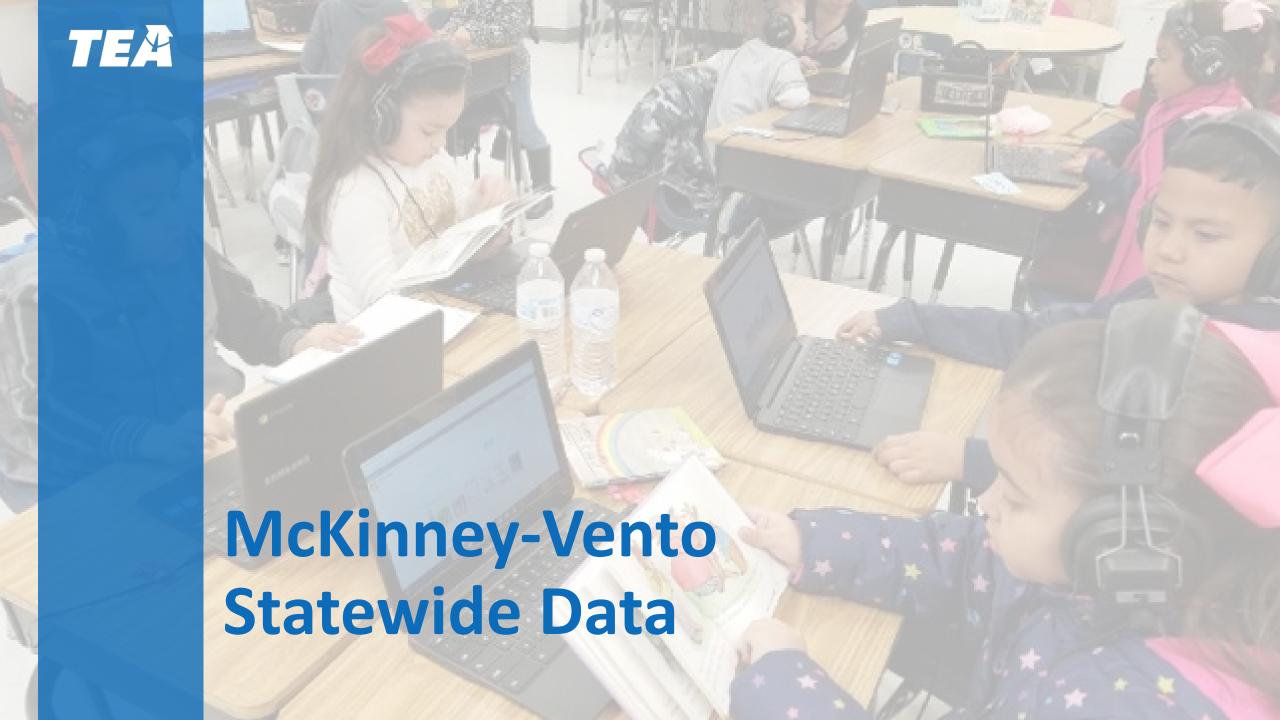
Continue the student's education in their school of origin



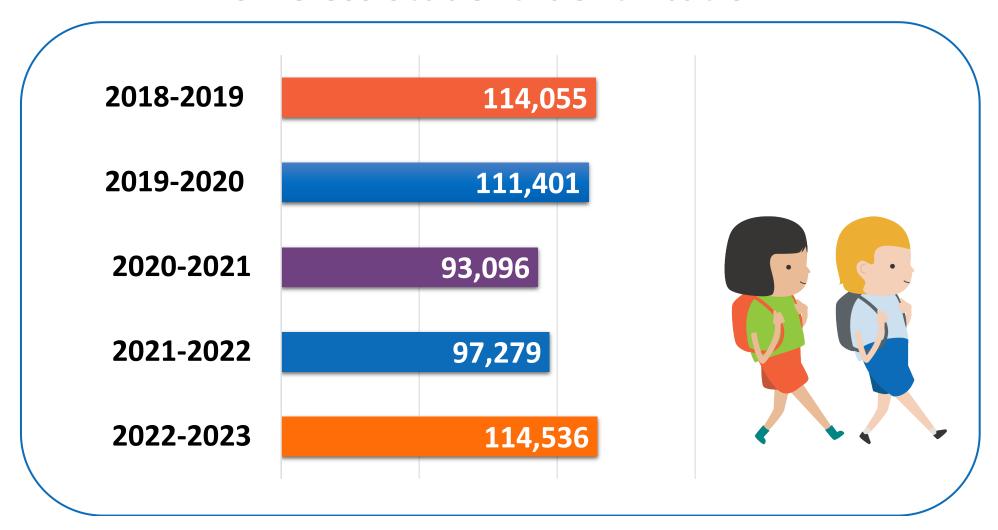
Provide School of Origin transportation if it is requested by a parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth and is in the best interest of the student



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

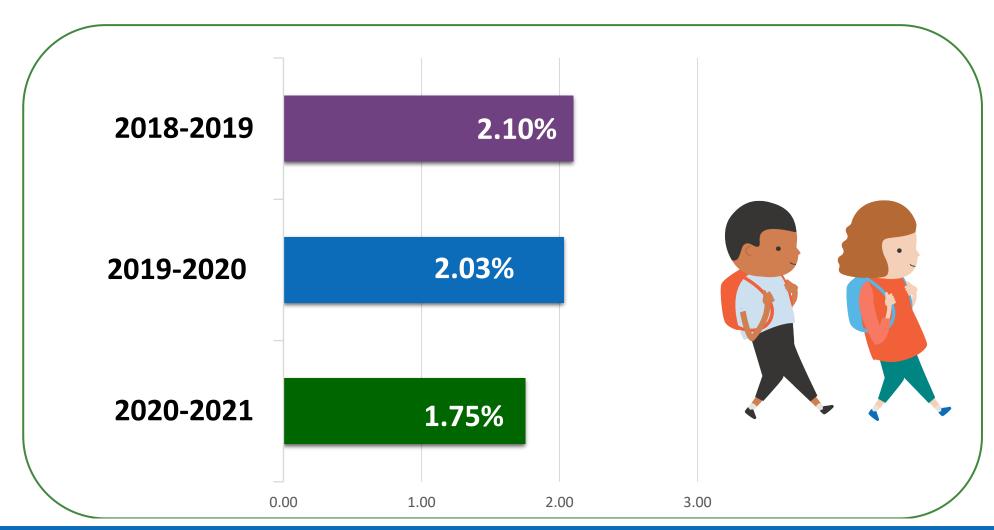


2018-2023 Statewide Data Homeless Student Identification



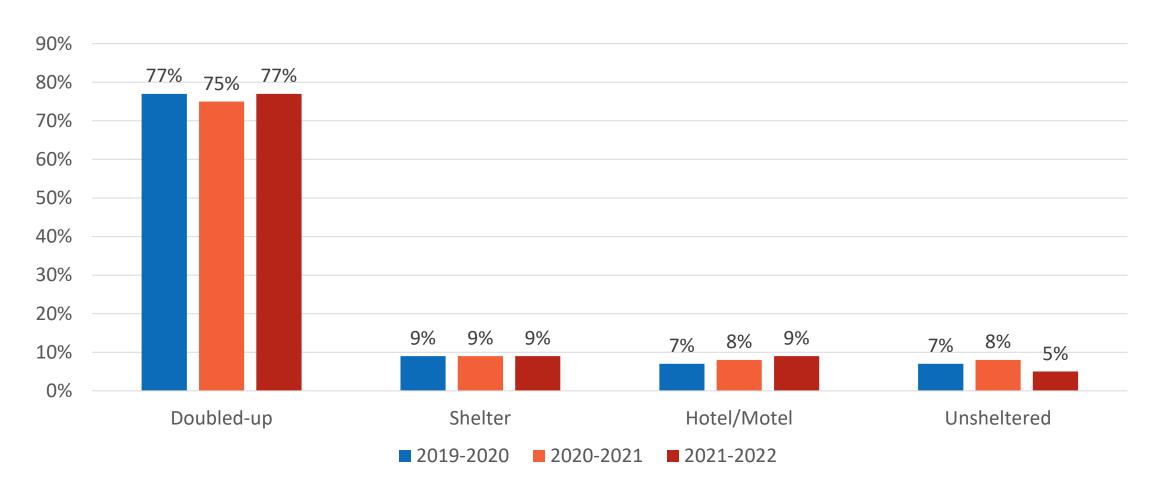


2019-2021 Statewide Data Homeless Student Identification





2019-2022 Statewide Homeless Data by Living Situation



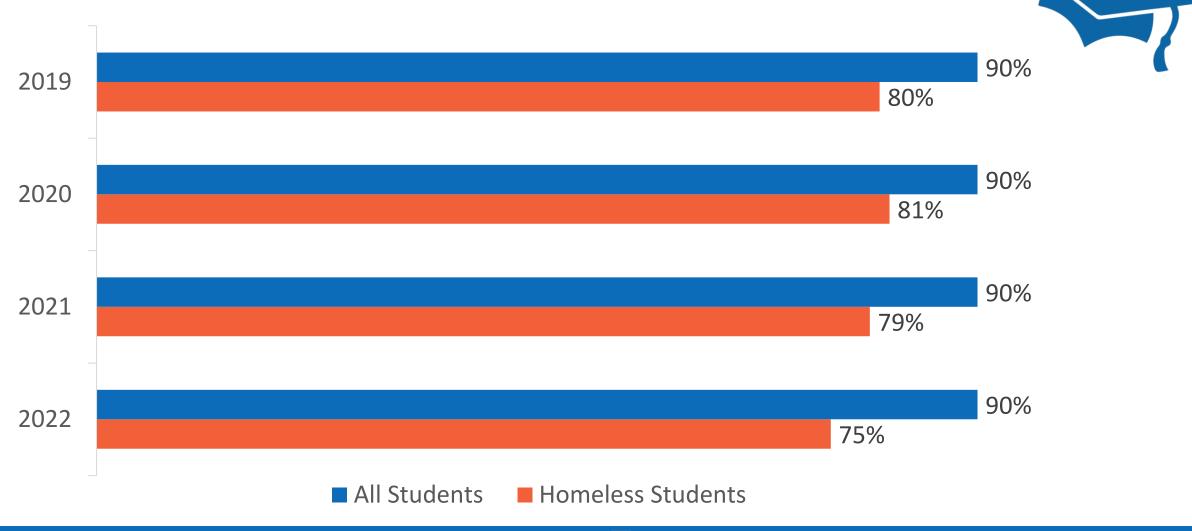


Special Programs and Homeless Student Data

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



Texas High School Graduation Data





Unaccompanied Homeless Student Enrollment in Texas Public Schools

2018-2019



2019-2020



2020-2021





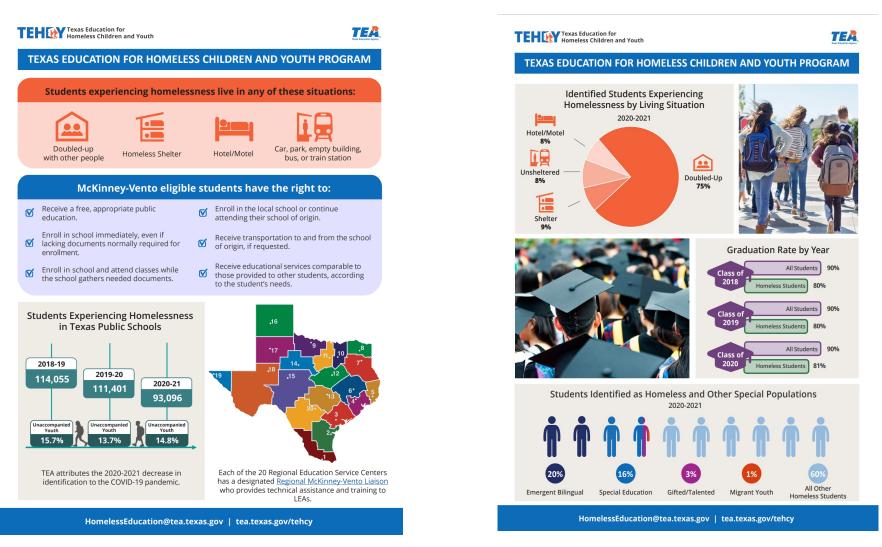
2020-2021 Homeless Data by Living Situation

Living Situation	All Homeless	Unaccompanied Youth
Doubled-Up	75%	75%
Shelter	9%	9%
Hotel/Motel	8%	8%
Unsheltered	8%	8%





2020-2021 TEHCY Infographic





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





McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties

Liaisons must ensure that students experiencing homelessness:



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



Are enrolled and provided equitable access to succeed in school.



Have access to educational services for which they are eligible.



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

McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties (continued)

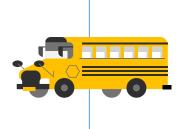
Liaisons must ensure that:



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



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



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

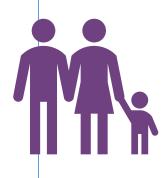


McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties (cont.)

Liaisons must ensure that:



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



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



McKinney-Vento Liaison Duties to Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

Liaisons must ensure that unaccompanied homeless youth:



Are enrolled in school.



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



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



LEA McKinney-Vento Liaisons

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



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

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

Charter schools submit their liaison information to the Charter School Division at TEA directly via (512) 463-9575 or CharterSchools@tea.texas.gov.



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McKinney-Vento Student Identification

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

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





McKinney-Vento Student Enrollment and Identification

Immediate Enrollment

Determination of McKinney-Vento Eligibility

Assessment of Services



Immediate Enrollment

Students experiencing homelessness have the right to immediate school enrollment:

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

[42 U.S.C § 11432(g)(3)(C)(i)]





Provisional Enrollment for All Students

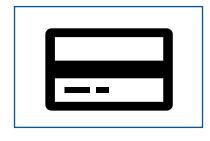
- A parent or legal guardian who is enrolling the student has up to 30 days from the date of enrollment to provide proof of the student's identity.
- Acceptable documentation to provide proof of identity and age include:

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



Provisional Enrollment with Incomplete School Records

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

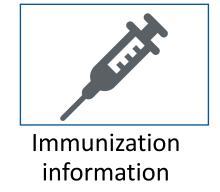


Texas Unique ID



Current grade level









Provisional Enrollment with Incomplete Immunizations

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

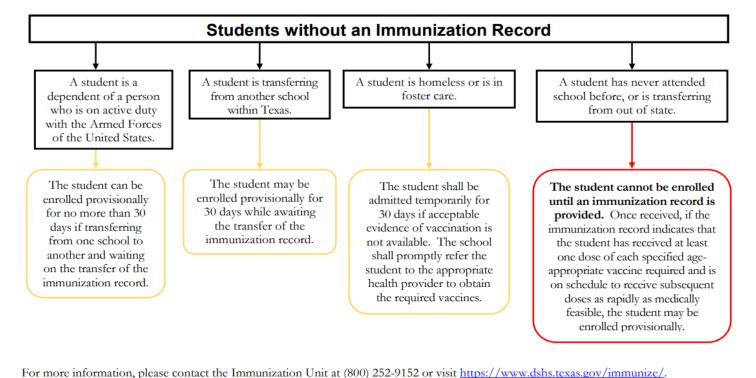


Immunization – Provisional Enrollment Resource

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

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

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





State District Selection Provision

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







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Sample SRQ and Intake Form

SAMPLE – STUDENT RESIDENCY QUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION FORM	
This information will help determine if the student meets eligibility requirements for services under the McKinney-Vento Act.	
StudentGradeSchool	
Parent/GuardianPhone	
Last School Attended	
Current Address	
Previous Address	
Number of Children Enrolled in (ABC ISD)	
Is your current address a temporary living arrangement?	
Yes or No	
Is this a temporary living arrangement due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or financial difficulties?	
Yes or No	
Were you displaced from your home due to a Natural Disaster? (hurricane, fire, flood, tornado, etc.)	
Yes or No	
Type of Natural Disaster:	
Hurricane:(Please name)	
Other:(Please describe)	
Please choose which of the following situations the student currently resides in (choose all that apply):	
House or apartment with parent or guardian	
Sharing housing with friends or family members (other than or in addition to parent/guardian)	
Motels/Hotels	
Shelter or other transitional housing	
Unsheltered – in a car, park, substandard 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 on active duty in the U.S. Military	
Other (Please explain, i.e., substandard housing)	
Are you a student living apart from your parents or guardians?	
Signature of Parent/Guardian/Unaccompanied Youth/School Representative Date	

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Assist w/participation in Title I Parent Programs					
Birth certificate					
Basic needs/Hygiene kit					
Community agency referral					
Consultation with McKinney-Vento staff					
Emergency clothing or referral					
Emergency food or referral					
Emergency shelter referral					
Emergency utility assistance referral					
Enrollment assistance					
Family support services (counseling and social work)					
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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					
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Other services not listed above:					
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Was Parent/Guardian/UY informed of reason for non-qu	ualification?			Yes	No
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Reason for non-qualification:					



Sample: Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ)

Best practice to determine McKinney-Vento eligibility Available in a digital and paper format SRQ's completed throughout the school year

SAMPLE – STUDENT RESIDENCY OUESTIONNAIRE INFORMATION FORM

Student	GradeSchool
Parent/Guardian	Phone
Last School Attended	
Current Address	
Previous Address	
Number of Children Enrolled in ((ABC ISD)
Is your current address a tempo	rary living arrangement?
Yes or No	
Is this a temporary living arrange	ement due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or financial difficulties?
Yes or No	
Were you displaced from your h	ome due to a Natural Disaster? (hurricane, fire, flood, tornado, etc.)
Yes or No	
Type of Natural Disaster:	
Hurricane:	(Please name)
Other:	(Please describe)
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SRQ and Intake Process: Assess McKinney-Vento Eligibility

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



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



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



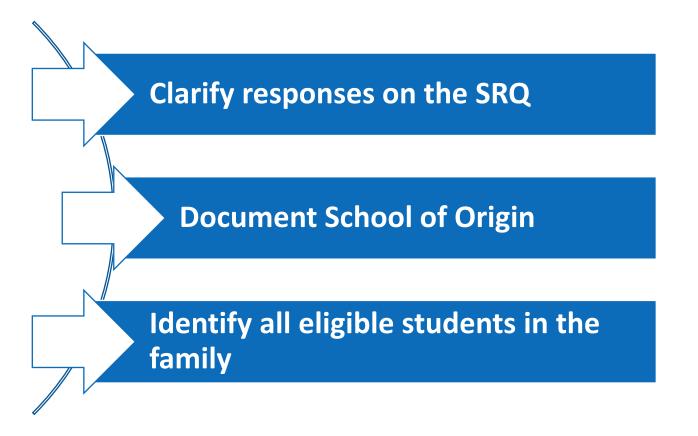
Is it fixed, regular, and adequate?



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



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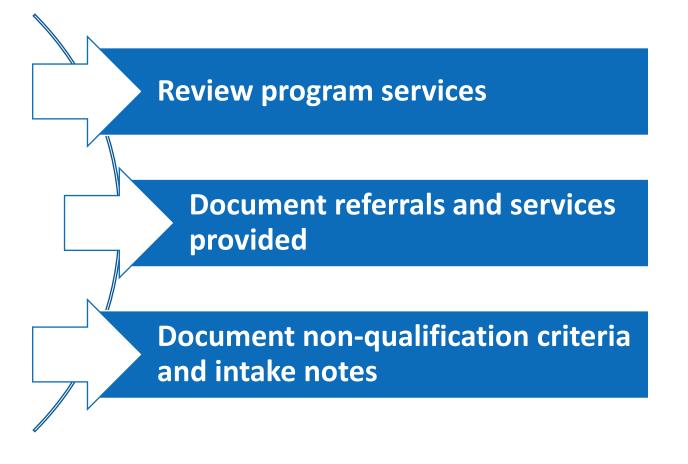




Intake Form 2021-2022 Families in Transition Program

Student:				ID Number:		
I am calling to follow up on the Student call is to ask a few questions that will as Assistance Act.				-		-
When did loss of housing occur and hov	v long at the	current addres	is:			
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	(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings: (iv) migratory children who qualify as homeless for the purpose of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii):					
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Services Provided at Intake

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Assist w/participation in Title I Parent Programs		
Birth certificate		
Basic needs/Hygiene kit		
Community agency referral		
Consultation with McKinney-Vento staff		
Emergency clothing or referral		
Emergency food or referral		
Emergency shelter referral		
Emergency utility assistance referral		
Enrollment assistance		
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After several days of not canceling bus services, the student may risk losing transportation to the scho	ol of origin.	
Notes:		
Was Parent/Guardian/UY informed of reason for non-qualification?	Yes	No
Reason for non-qualification:		

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Events That May Lead to Loss of Housing

Unemployment

Divorce

Domestic Abuse

Medical Issues

Lack of Affordable Housing

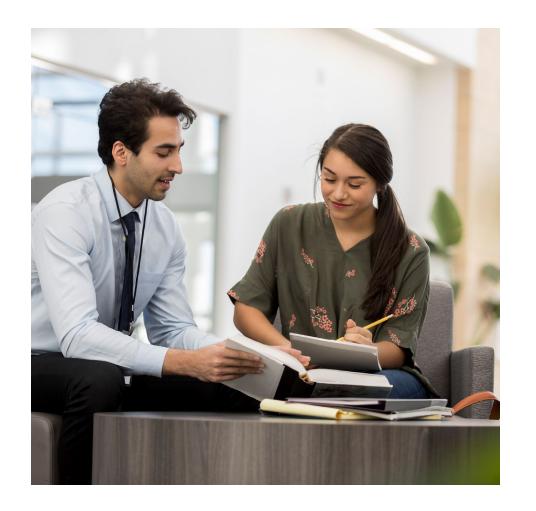
Natural Disaster





Identification of Unaccompanied Homeless Youth

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



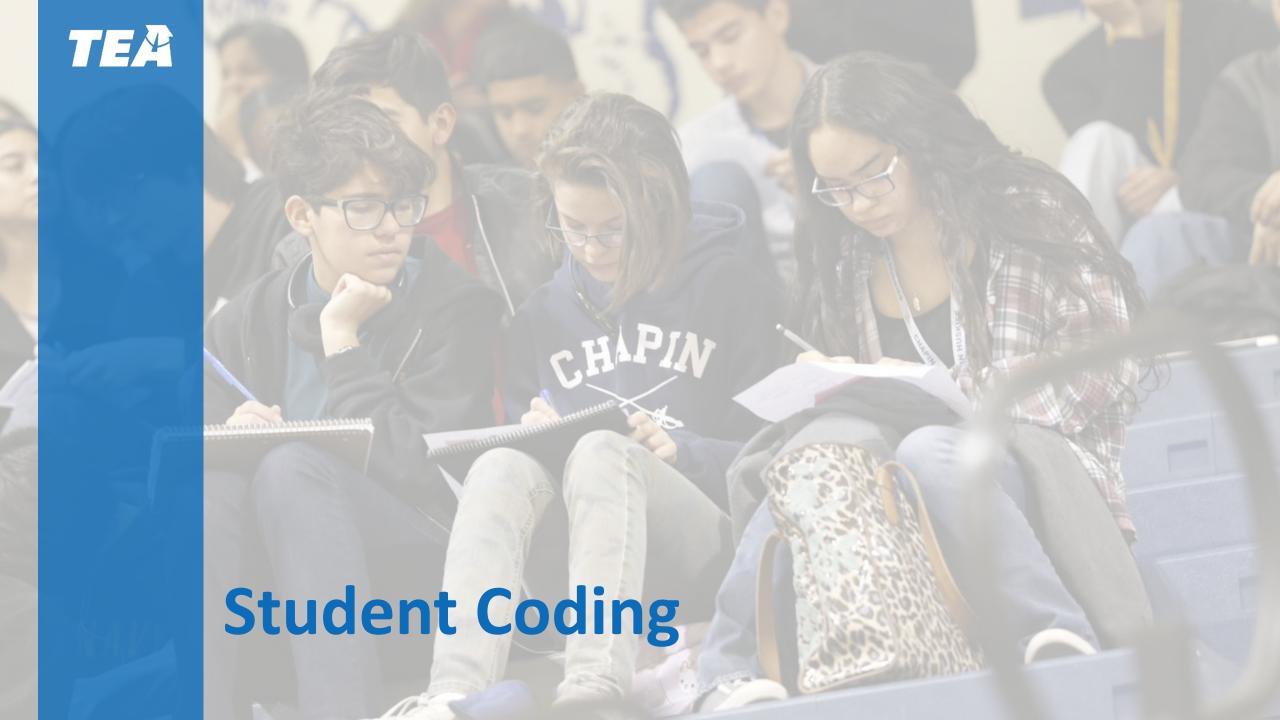


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McKinney-Vento Student Coding

Student eligibility for McKinney-Vento services should be assessed annually



Identification and coding is for the current school year

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



TSDS PEIMS Homeless Status Codes

Code Table Id	Name	XML Name	Date Issued	Date Updated		
C189	HOMELESS-STATUS-CODE	TX-HomelessStatusType	03/01/2012	3/1/2017		
Code		Translation				
0	Student is not homeless at any time dur	ing current school year				
2	Student lives temporarily doubled-up (st	naring residence with a family or individual) at a	any time during current s	school year:		
		nily) is defined as sharing the housing of other ification requires a case-by-case determination		nousing, economic		
3	Student is unsheltered (i.e, lives on the abandoned buildings) at any time during	street, lives in cars, parks, campgrounds, temp current school year:	orary trailers [including	FEMA trailers], or		
	Unsheltered is defined as a nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings. It includes such places as cars, parks, campgrounds (if they live there because they lack an alternative accommodation), temporary trailers (if they live there because they lack an alternative accommodation), abandoned buildings, and substandard housing. Substandard housing may be determined by local building codes, community norms, and/or a case-by-case determination as to whether the accommodation is a "fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence."					
4	Student lives in motel or hotel at any time during current school year:					
	Students who stay at a motel or hotel are considered homeless if they reside there because they have lost their housing, lack an alternative accommodation, and do not have a "fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence."					
5	Student lives in a shelter, transitional housing at any time during current school year:					
Shelters are defined as supervised publicly or privately operated facilities designed to provide temporary line shelters category for homeless students includes emergency shelters, family shelters, domestic violent shelters, and transitional housing programs. The shelters category for homeless students does not include facilities, Title I Neglected or Delinquent facilities, or TJJD facilities.				shelters, youth		



TSDS PEIMS Unaccompanied Youth Code

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



Notification of McKinney-Vento Student Eligibility

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

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

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





Review Accuracy of McKinney-Vento Coding

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



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Transportation Requirements for all LEAs

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

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



Best Interest Determination

In determining best interest, the local education agency shall:

- Presume that keeping a child or youth in their School of Origin is in the child's or youth's best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth.
- Consider student-centered factors related to the child's or youth's best interest, including factors related to the impact of mobility on achievement, education, health, and safety, giving priority to the request of the parent guardian, or unaccompanied youth.

 [42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(b)]



Duration of School of Origin Rights

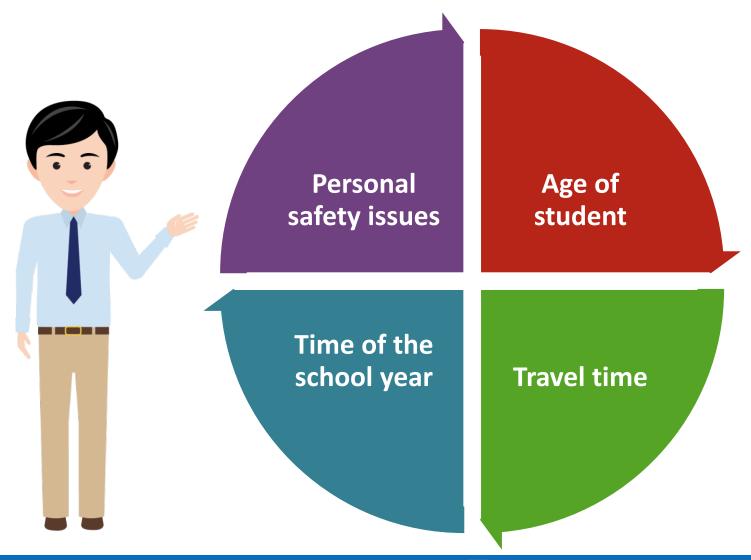
Homeless children and youth have the right to attend their School of Origin for the duration of homelessness:

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

[41 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(3)(A)(i)(II)]



School of Origin Considerations





LEA Strategies to Support School of Origin Services

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

Sample School of Origin Transportation Letter

- Student information
- Busing information
- "No Call" guidance
- McKinney-Vento and transportation program contact information



SAMPLE TRANSPORTATION LETTER

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program School of Origin Transportation Request

Date

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

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Education program at (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 (<u>Bus number</u>) for morning transportation services and (<u>Bus number</u>) for afternoon transportation services.

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

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

Consequences of NO CALL

1 st NO CALL	Transportation personnel will contact parent or guardian to determine if transportation services are still needed.
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

hank you,

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



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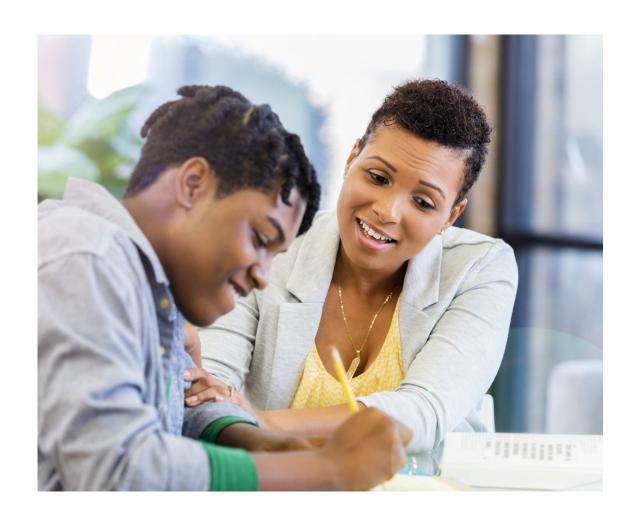
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McKinney-Vento Post Secondary Planning and Support



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

[42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(1)(K)]

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

[42 U.S.C. § 11432(g)(6)(A)(x)(III)]



FAFSA and McKinney-Vento

- At any time on or after July 1, 2022, were you determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were selfsupporting and at risk of being homeless, as determined by
 - (a) your high school or district homeless liaison,
 - (b) the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or
 - (c) the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program?
- If a student responds with a "Yes" to any of the questions, they are considered to be an independent student and don't have to provide information about their parents.
- Am I Dependent or Independent When I Fill Out the FAFSA®
 Form? (studentaid.gov)

Federal Student Aid

Am I Dependent or Independent When I Fill Out the FAFSA® Form?

When I fill out the 2023–24 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, will I have to provide information about my parent?

It depends. Answer these questions:

- Were you born before Jan. 1, 2000?
- . As of today, are you married? (Also answer "Yes" if you are separated but not divorced.)
- At the beginning of the 2023–24 school year, will you be working on a master's degree or doctorate degree (such as an M.A., MBA, M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., graduate certificate, etc.)?
- Do you now have—or will you have—children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023, and June 30, 2024?
- Do you have dependents—other than your children or spouse—who live with you and who
 receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, 2024?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training? (If you are a National Guard or Reserves enlistee, are you on active duty for other than state or training purposes?)
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces? *
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- Has it been decided by a court in your state of legal residence that you are an emancipated
 minor or that someone other than your parent or stepparent has legal guardianship of you? (You
 also should answer "Yes" if you are now an adult but were in legal guardianship or were an
 emancipated minor immediately before you reached the age of being an adult in your state.
 Answer "No" if the court papers say "custody" rather than "guardianship.")
- At any time on or after July 1, 2022, were you determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless, as determined by (a) your high school or district homeless liaison, (b) the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or (c) the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program? **



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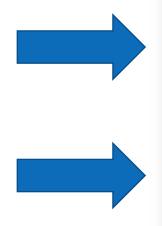


Answer "**Yes**" if you received a determination at any time on or after **July 1, 2022**, that you were an unaccompanied youth who was **homeless** or at risk of being homeless.

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

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

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



Sample FAFSA Verification Form

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



SAMPLE FAFSA VERIFICATION FORM

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

Student Name: (Student's Full Name)

DOB: (Month/Date/Year)

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

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

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

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

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

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Signature:	Date:



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

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

This is a three-tiered process.

1. McKinney-Vento Liaison

2. LEA or Campus Leadership

3. Superintendent or School Board





Dispute Resolution Process

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

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





Dispute Resolution Process Cont.

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

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

TEA McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Process and FAQ Resources

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



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McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Dispute Resolution Process

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

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

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

McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

What happens after TEA receives a complaint?

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

How soon will TEA make a decision?

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

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

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

Related Content

About Education of Homeless Students

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

Contact Information

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McKinney-Vento Homeless Education State
Coordinator

Highly Mobile and At-Risk Student Programs

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Texas Association of School Boards (TASB) Resources

ADMISSIONS HOMELESS STUDENTS FDC (EXHIBIT)

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

Note:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Complaints Process

- 1. TEA Complaints sends notification and details of complaint to TEHCY program.
- 2. TEHCY meets with ESC McKinney-Vento Liaison to review the complaint.
- 3. ESC coordinates with LEA to determine if the complaint has gone through all three levels of dispute resolution or the local complaints process.
- 4. TEHCY informs TEA Complaints within 10 business days if an investigation will be conducted.
- 5. TEA Complaints responds to the submitter.
- 6. TEHCY provides ESC any additional support needed to resolve the complaint.



TEA Investigation Process

- TEHCY will notify the Charter liaison and request dispute resolution documents from the district to be submitted in 5 business days. Documentation includes:
 - SRQ, Intake form, documentation of services provided, registration documents, etc.
 - Dispute resolution documents provided and/or submitted.
 - District dispute/complaints policy.
 - Historical documents (i.e., previous years' SRQs).
- TEA will make a determination within 20 business days.
- TEA Legal Department provides counsel once determination has been reached.



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McKinney-Vento 101 Resources

- September 2022 Webinar Recording and Slide Deck
- Sample Student Residency Questionnaire
- Sample Intake Form
- Immunization Flow Chart
- Sample Transportation Letter
- Dispute Resolution Resources
- Posters
- Infographic

McKinney-Vento 101 Resources

McKinney-Vento 101 Webinar - October 19, 2021 (YouTube Video)

McKinney-Vento 101 Webinar - October 19, 2021 (PDF)

Sample Student Residence Questionnaire (PDF)

Sample Intake Form (PDF)

Immunization Flow Chart (PDF)

Sample Transportation Letter (PDF)

Sample FAFSA Verification Form (PDF)

Dispute Resolution (PDF)

Homeless Student Identification Data

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

2018-2020 TEHCY Program Infographic (PDF)

2017-2019 TEHCY Program Infographic (PDF)



McKinney-Vento Poster Updates

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

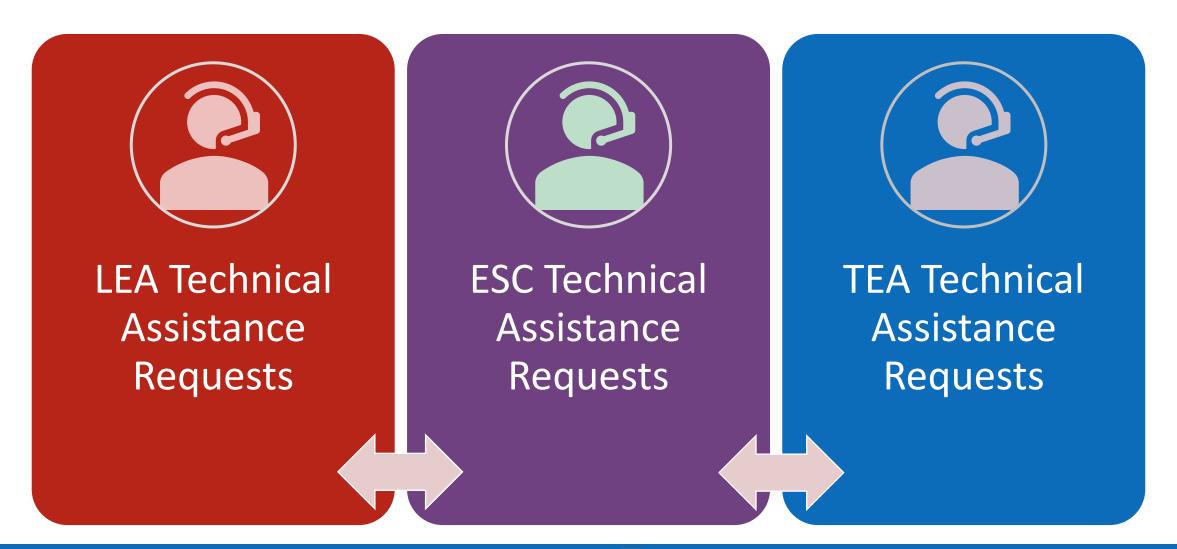
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TEHCY Program Technical Assistance Process



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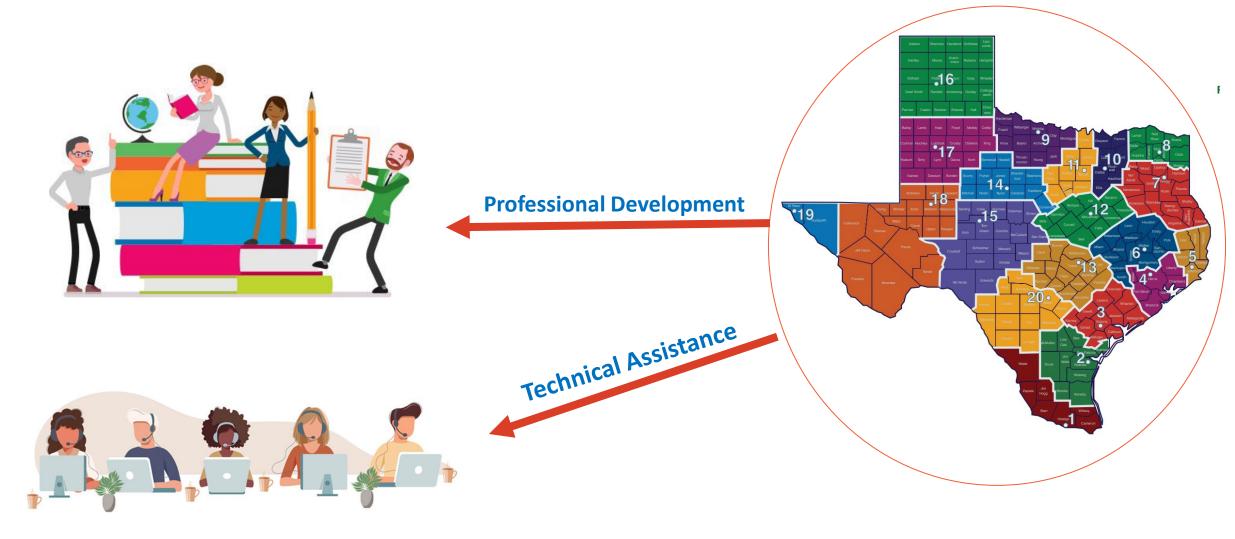
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Statewide ESC Regional McKinney Vento Liaison Support







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TEHCY Upcoming Trainings, Coffee Chats, & Office Hours

- McKinney Vento 101 Thursday, February 8th, 10:00 am 12:00 pm
- McKinney Vento Funding & Sustainability Thursday, March 7th, 1:00 pm 2:30 pm
- McKinney Vento 201 Thursday, April 11, 2024, 11:00 am 1:00 pm



- <u>TEHCY/ ARP Homeless I & II Grant Coffee Chat</u> Thursday, January 25th, 2024, 1:00 pm 2:30 pm
- TEHCY/ ARP Homeless I & II Grant Coffee Chat Thursday, April 18th, 2024, 1:00 pm 2:30 pm

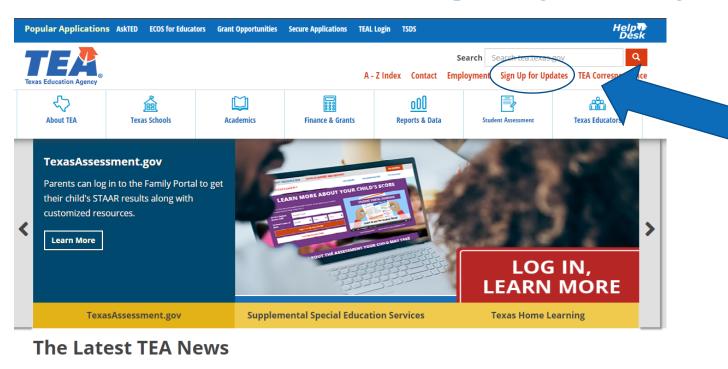


- <u>TEHCY office hours Monday, February 12th, 1:00 pm 2:00 pm</u>
- TEHCY office hours Friday, May 10th, 1:00 pm 2:00 pm

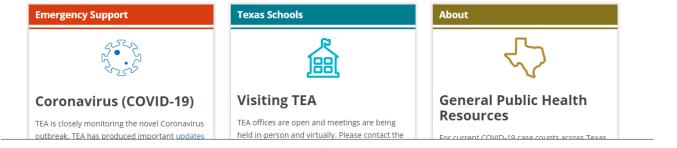


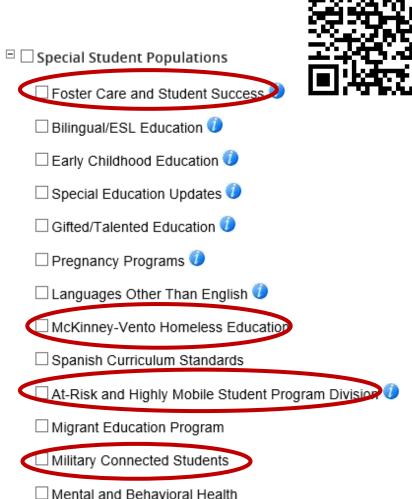


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Thank you!

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

McKinney-Vento trainings.



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