

Board Report

Respectfully submitted by

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Eligibility

The McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (reauthorized under Title X, Part C of the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, and subsequently referred to as the McKinney-Vento Act defines “homeless children and youths” as “individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.”

Categories

- * Doubled up with friends or relatives due to loss of housing or economic hardship
- * Living in a Shelter
- * Living in motels/hotels
- * Living outside or in cars
- * Migratory students that qualify
- * Living in RVs/tents in cold weather

Determination

McKinney-Vento liaison conducts an eligibility review



The District's Responsibility Concerning Homeless Students

Each school district must designate a homeless liaison. The liaison's responsibilities are to identify and immediately enroll homeless children and youth, and then help them to succeed in school.

The liaison:

- Assists with enrollment and dispute-resolution procedures.
- Informs the parent or guardian, unaccompanied youth, district staff, and community agencies of the educational rights of homeless children and youth.
- Arranges transportation.
- Obtains necessary school supplies.
- Ensures students receive free school meals.
- Ensures comparable educational services.
- Provides a list of community agencies which can help meet basic needs.



Student's rights under McKinney- Vento

- Continue to attend school in the school attended before you became homeless (school of origin).
- Receive transportation to the school of origin.
- Enroll in school without giving a permanent address and attend classes while the school arranges for a school transfer, immunization records or other documents required for enrollment.
- Receive the same special programs and services, if needed, as provided to all other children served in these programs.

Districts are responsible for removing educational barriers limiting a homeless student's full participation in school. Barriers may include lack of transportation, inability to pay for books, school supplies, program apparel, or policies (such as residential requirements) which may exclude them from enrollment. Students experiencing homelessness have the right to receive transportation to their school of origin.

Current RSU 9 McKinney-Vento Status

*Received \$9,000 American Rescue Grant 1- Allocated for Points of Contact and Emergency Housing

*Received \$20,913.03 American Rescue Grant 2- Allocated for Systems Navigators, School supplies, Emergency Housing

*RSU 9 total homeless students=26 students

*K-5= 11 students

*Middle School= 5 students

*High School= 10 students

Most students are doubled up

Some are in motels/hotels

Some have inadequate housing (no heat/water)