



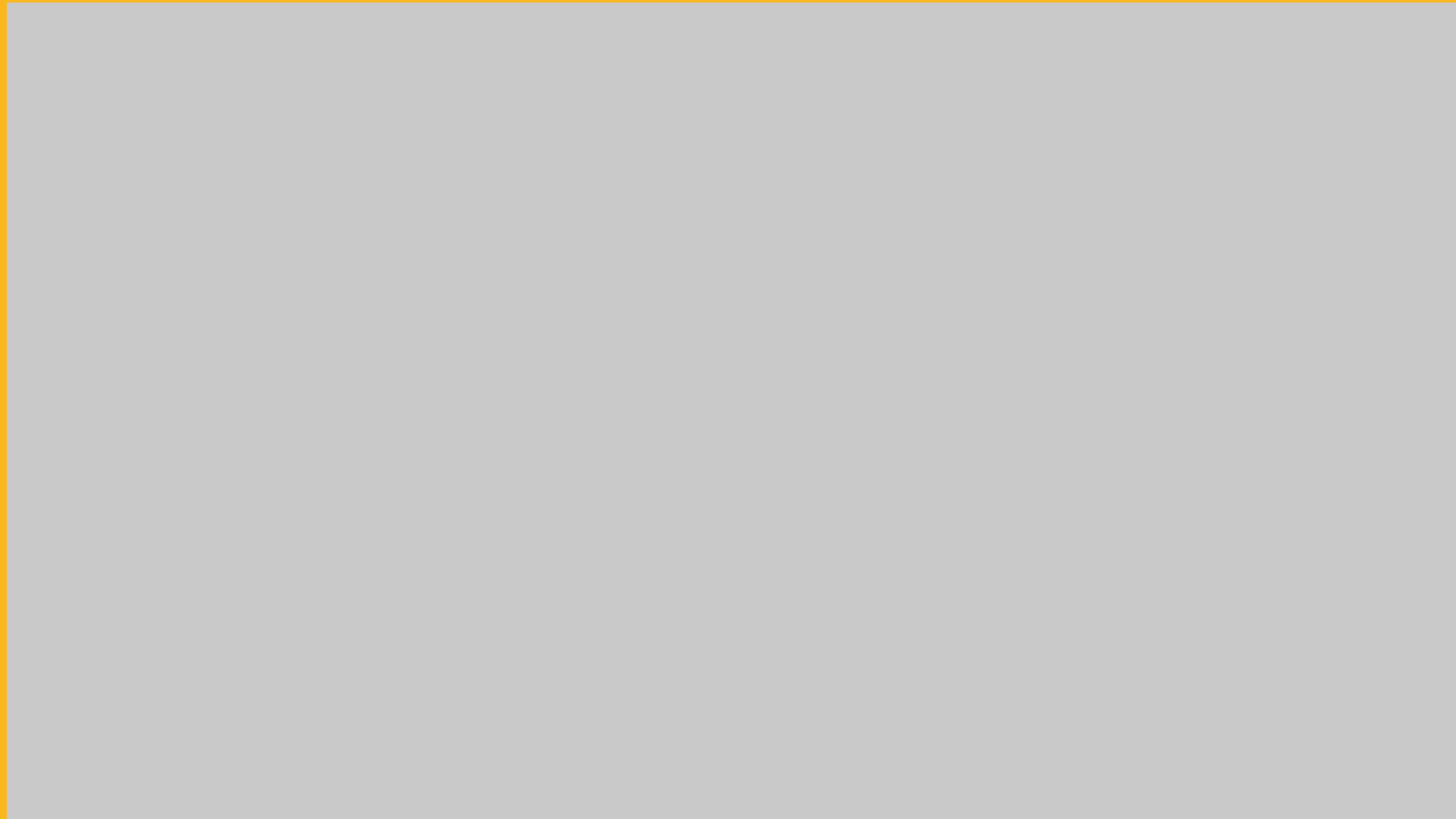
MCKINNEY-VENTO 101

COMMUNITY OUTREACH CENTER

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What does homelessness look like?



MCKINNEY-VENTO HISTORY

The McKinney-Vento Act was passed in 1987 and has been amended many times. The McKinney-Vento Act was implemented as the first step to address homelessness by the federal government to ensure students experiencing homelessness have equal access to public education.



MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT DEFINITION

Children and Youth who lack a “fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence” are considered homeless:

- **Sharing housing with other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship.**
- **Living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds.**
- **Living in shelters**
- **Unaccompanied youth includes a homeless child or youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian**

McKinney-Vento Act

- **Ensures students experiencing homelessness are identified.**
- **Ensures students experiencing homelessness are immediately enrolled, even if they lack required documentation.**
- **Provide services to students experiencing homelessness that are comparable to those offered to other students.**
- **Ensures student's school of origin.**
- **Provide School of Origin transportation.**



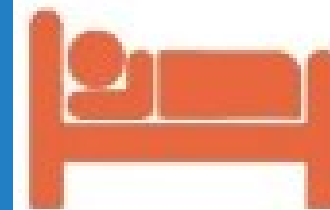
WHO IS COVERED BY THE MCKINNEY-VENTO?



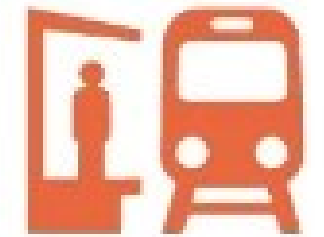
Doubled-up with other people



Homeless Shelter

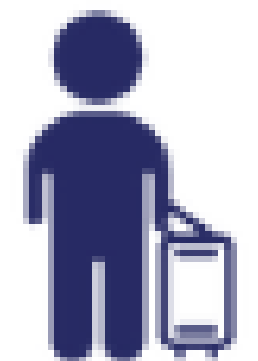


Hotel/Motel or campground



Car, park, empty building, bus or train station

DISCIPLINE CONSIDERATIONS

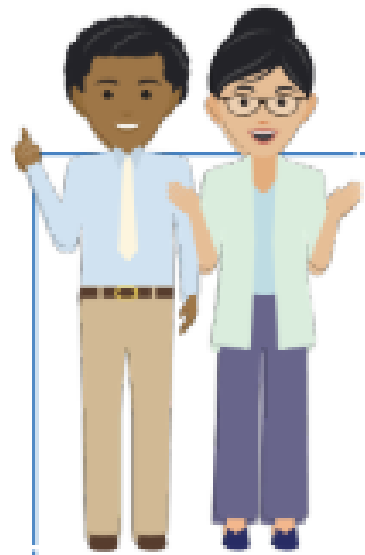


**IDENTIFIED STUDENTS
EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS BY LIVING
SITUATION**

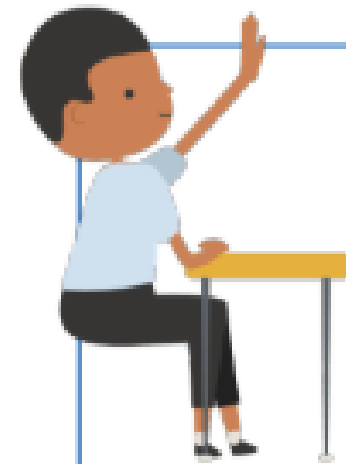


**Doubled-Up
76.6%**

Liaisons must ensure that students experiencing homelessness:



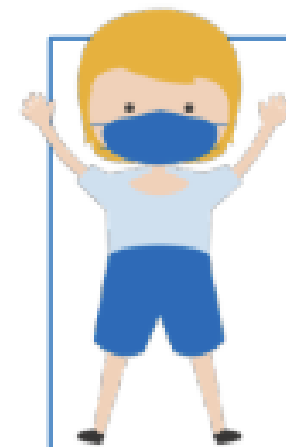
Are identified collaboratively with school personnel, other organizations, and agencies.



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).

Unaccompanied 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).

UNACCOMPANIED 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
- UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH CAN ENROLL THEMSELVES
- WE DO NOT REMOVE THE PARENTS/GUARDIANS NAME FROM THE CONTACT INFORMATION IF THE STUDENT WAS PREVIOUSLY ENROLLED UNLESS THERE ARE LEGAL MATTERS INVOLVED.

SCHOOL COUNSELORS MUST ASSIST STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS WITH COLLEGE PREPARATION AND READINESS

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, (Current School Year), (Student's Full Name) was living in a homeless situation, as defined by Section 725 of the McKinney-Vento Act, and was not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

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

Signature: _____ Date: _____

McKinney-Vento eligibility



Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ) 2024-2025

Name of Student/s: _____
Last First Age Grade ID#

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This questionnaire is intended to address the McKinney-Vento Act 42 U.S.C. 11434a(2). The answers to this residency information help determine the services the student may be eligible to receive.

1. Is your current address a temporary living arrangement? Yes No
2. Is this temporary living arrangement due to loss of housing or economic hardship? Yes No
3. How long have you lived at your current address? _____
4. How many adults live in the home? _____
5. How many children live in the home? _____
6. How many bedrooms are in the home? _____

FOSTER CARE

7. Student is currently in the conservatorship of Department of Family and Protective Services? Yes No
8. I have a current 2085 form from Child Protective Services (CPS) or a court? Yes No

Where is the student presently living? (Check one box.)

- In a motel
- In a shelter
- With more than one family in a house or apartment
- In a place not designed for ordinary sleeping accommodations such as a car, park, or campsite, R.V.

Name of Parent(s)/Legal Guardians(s) _____ Email: _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Emergency Contact _____ Phone _____

Presenting a false record or falsifying records is an offense under Section 37.10, Penal code, and enrollment of the child under false documents subjects the person to liability for tuition or other costs. TEC Sec. 25.002(3)(d).

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian _____ Date _____

Campus Staff:

- Please distribute this form to parents of all students at your campus.
- Return completed forms via campus mail to the ECISD Community Outreach Center.
- Please continue to distribute and return these forms for all new registrations during the school year.
- For questions please call the Community Outreach Center at 456-8569.

Ector County ISD does not discriminate on the basis of gender, age, race, nationality, religion, disability, socioeconomic standing or non-proficiency in English language skills in providing educational services for students' benefit.

Events That May Lead to Loss of Housing

Unemployment

Divorce

Domestic
Abuse

Medical Issues

Lack of
Affordable
Housing

Natural
Disaster

Student Rights...

McKinney-Vento eligible students have the right to:

Receive a free, appropriate public education.

Enroll in school immediately, even if lacking documents normally required for enrollment.

Enroll in school and attend classes while the school gathers needed documents.



Enroll in the local school or continue attending their school of origin.



Receive transportation to and from the school of origin, if requested.



Receive educational services comparable to those provided to other students, according to the student's needs.

WARNING SIGNS



- **withdrawn**
- **fatigue**
- **poor personal hygiene**
- **Wearing same clothing**
- **disengagement in class**
- **skin rashes**
- **numerous absences**



- **emergency contacts don't work**
- **permission slips/fees are not signed or paid**
- **lack of medical care**
- **chronic hunger**



- **lack of participation in school activities/field trips**
- **inability to contact parents**
- **lack of personal records needed to enroll**



- **mood swings & abrupt changes in behavior**
- **dental needs**
- **respiratory problems**
- **isolation from former friend**
- **inability to interact with others**
- **erratic attendance and tardiness**



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Students express gratitude



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