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**ESSA
McKinney-Vento Act
Update**

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Session Agenda

- ESSA-MVA Research Assignment
- Open-Book Full-Discussion ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz
 - LEA Policies
 - Terminology
 - Enrollment
 - Full Participation
 - Student Records
 - Transportation
 - Dispute Resolution
 - Liaison Duties
- Q & A
- New stuff
- Adjourn

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Session Objectives

By the end of the session, participants will have . . .

- a better understanding of key provisions of the McKinney-Vento Act under the Every Student Succeeds Act
- a stronger familiarity with the key sections of the McKinney-Vento Act (s.722, and s.725)
- an awareness of opportunities to provide input into new MVA documents

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Research Material

- Copy of the McKinney-Vento Act
- Research topic assigned to your table
- Pop-quiz questions for the assigned topic
- Copy of the full pop-quiz

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Research Assignment

1. Work together to find the legal reference that answers the questions assigned to your table.
2. Perform a unique sign that involves everyone at the table to indicate that your table completed the assignment.
3. While you wait for others, answer the rest of the quiz questions.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 1

Which of the following are new provisions for LEAs in ESSA-MVA?

- a. Provide access to homeless children to public preschool programs administered by the district
- b. Provide appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed by homeless children and youth while attending a prior school
- c. Provide access for homeless children and youth to academic and extracurricular activities
- d. All of the above
- e. None of *the above*

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 1

The answer is d.

s.722(g)(3)(I) School of origin defined

(i) IN GENERAL.-- The term `school of origin' means the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool.

s.722(g)(1)(F) A description of procedures that ensure that--

(ii) [homeless] youths . . . and youths separated from public schools are identified and accorded equal access to appropriate secondary education and support services, including by identifying and removing barriers that prevent youths described in this clause from receiving appropriate credit for full or partial coursework satisfactorily completed while attending a prior school, in accordance with State, local, and school policies; and

(iii) homeless children and youths who meet the relevant eligibility criteria do not face barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities, including magnet school, summer school, career and technical education, advanced placement, on-line learning, and charter school programs, if such programs are available at the State and local levels.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 2

True or False.

Under ESSA-MVA, it is OK for a school district to run a school for children and youth who live at the homeless shelter, as long as it is in their best interest.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 2

The answer is FALSE.

s.722(g)(1)(J) Assurances that **the following will be carried out--**

(i) The State educational agency and local educational agencies in the State will adopt policies and practices to ensure that homeless children and youths are not stigmatized or segregated on the basis of their status as homeless.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 3

Complete the following sentence.

To assure that homeless children and youth are identified, fully participate in school, and progress academically, LEAs must coordinate with . . .

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 3

The answer is . . . district programs and collaborate with other school districts, community service providers and organizations.

s.722(g)(5) COORDINATION-

(A) IN GENERAL- Each local educational agency serving homeless children and youths that receives assistance under this subtitle shall coordinate--

(i) the provision of services under this subtitle with local social services agencies and other agencies or entities providing services to homeless children and youths and their families, including services and programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act (42 U.S.C. 5701 et seq.); and

(ii) transportation, transfer of school records, and other inter-district activities, with other local educational agencies.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 4

Which students are no longer eligible for McKinney-Vento Act services?

- a. Migrant students
- b. Children and youth sharing housing
- c. Children and youth awaiting foster care placement
- d. Children and youth whose families have cars

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 4

The Answer is c.

s.725(2) The term `homeless children and youths'--

(A) means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence (within the meaning of section 103(a)(1)); and

(B) includes--

(i) children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; ~~or are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement.~~

(ii) children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings (within the meaning of section 103(a)(2)(C));

(iii) children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and

(iv) migratory children (as such term is defined in section 1309 of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965) who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii).

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 5

What is new about the definition of “unaccompanied homeless youth” in the McKinney-Vento Act?

The answer is: a child or youth that is not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

s.725(6) The term `unaccompanied youth' includes a homeless **child or** youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Extra Credit Question:

What does UHY data measure?

The answer is: It measures the impact of homelessness on family unity. It is important to identify and code all children and youth in all grades who are unaccompanied.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 6

For McKinney-Vento purposes, in which schools may a homeless child or youth enroll?

The answer is: the (1) school of origin, (2) the school zoned for the address where the student is temporarily residing, or (3) another school which students residing in that attendance zone are eligible to attend.



ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 6

s.722(g)(3)(A) IN GENERAL- The local educational agency serving each child or youth to be assisted under this subtitle shall, according to the child's or youth's best interest--

(i) continue the child's or youth's education in the school of origin for the duration of homelessness--

(I) in any case in which a family becomes homeless between academic years or during an academic year; **and**

(II) for the remainder of the academic year, if the child or youth becomes permanently housed during an academic year; or

(ii) enroll the child or youth in any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the child or youth is actually living are eligible to attend.



ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 7

How can transferring a homeless student from his or her school of origin be justified?

- Parent or guardian selects zoned or other eligible school
- Best interest of the child or youth
- Best guess of the Homeless Liaison
- Best interest of the transportation budget

Extra Credit Question: What are some “student-centered factors” a school can use to determine a best-interest placement?

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 7

The answer is: a and b.

s.722(g)(3)(B) (B) **SCHOOL STABILITY**- In determining the best interest of the child or youth under subparagraph (A), the local educational agency shall--

(i) presume that keeping the child or youth in the school of origin is in the child's or youth's best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the child's or youth's parent or guardian, or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth;

Extra Credit answer:

(ii) 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 of homeless children and youth, giving priority to the request of the child's or youth's parent or guardian or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth;

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 8

How soon does the MVA allow for a homeless student to enroll in an eligible school?

- a. Within three days.
- b. Within five days
- c. Before the end of the grading period
- d. Immediately

Extra Credit Question: How can you tell that a homeless student is enrolled for McKinney-Vento purposes?



ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 8

The answer is: d.

s.722(g)(3)(C) **IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT-**

(i) **IN GENERAL.**-- The school selected in accordance with this paragraph shall immediately enroll the homeless child or youth.

Extra Credit answer: The student is participating in an assigned class.

SEC. 725. DEFINITIONS.

For purposes of this subtitle:

(1) The terms 'enroll' and 'enrollment' include attending classes and participating fully in school activities.



ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 9

True or False? The LEA needs to accommodate homeless student participation in extracurricular activities to the same extent that it accommodates their participation in academic activities.

The answer is: TRUE.

s.722(1)(F) . . . ensure that—

(iii) homeless children and youths who meet the relevant eligibility criteria **do not face barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities**, including magnet school, summer school, career and technical education, advanced placement, on-line learning, and charter school programs, if such programs are available at the State and local levels.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 10

Which of the following services will unaccompanied homeless high school students receive?

- Trauma-informed counseling
- Counseling to prepare for college
- Extra helpings at lunch
- Rental assistance

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 10

The answer is: b.

s.722(g)(1)(K) A description of how youths described in section 725(2) will receive assistance from counselors to advise such youths, and prepare and improve the readiness of such youths for college.

NOTE: not just unaccompanied homeless youth, but any high school students who qualify for MVA benefits, even if their family unit remains in tact for them.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 11

Which of the following provisions apply to information about a homeless student's status?

- a. This information is to be made available in a timely fashion when a homeless student enrolls in a new school.
- b. This information is to be held in a manner consistent with the General Education Provision Act (GEPA).
- c. This information is to be treated as a student education record, not directory info.
- d. All of the above.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 11

The answer is: d.

s.722(g)(3)(D) RECORDS- Any record ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization or **other required health records**, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, and evaluations for special services or programs, regarding each homeless child or youth shall be maintained--

(i) so that the records **involved** are available, in a timely fashion, when a child or youth enters a new school or school district; and (ii) in a manner consistent with section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g).

s.722(g)(3)(G) PRIVACY.—**Information about a homeless child's or youth's living situation shall be treated as a student education record, and shall not be deemed to be directory information, under section 444 of the General Education Provisions Act (20 U.S.C. 1232g).**

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 12

What has changed about the transportation provisions of the McKinney-Vento Act?

- The transportation provisions have been removed.
- Congress authorized additional funding just for school of origin transportation
- Absolutely nothing
- Technically nothing

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 12

The answer is: d.

s.722(g)(3)(I) **SCHOOL OF ORIGIN DEFINED-** In this paragraph:

(i) **IN GENERAL.**-- The term 'school of origin' means the school that a child or youth attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child or youth was last enrolled, including a preschool.

s.722(g)(1)(F) . . . ensure that

(iii) homeless children and youths who meet the relevant eligibility criteria **do not face barriers to accessing academic and extracurricular activities**, including magnet school, summer school, career and technical education, advanced placement, on-line learning, and charter school programs, if such programs are available at the State and local levels.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 13

How soon does the MVA allow for a homeless student to enroll in an eligible school selected by the parent, guardian, or UHY?

- a. Within three days.
- b. Within five days
- c. Before the end of the grading period
- d. Immediately

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 13

The answer is: d.

s.722(g)(3)(E) ENROLLMENT DISPUTES- If a dispute arises over eligibility, or school selection or enrollment in a school--

(i) the child or youth shall be immediately enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought, pending final resolution of the dispute, including all available appeals.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 14

Where does a homeless child or youth go to school while a disagreement between the parent or guardian and the school resolve a disagreement about which placement is in the best interest of the child or youth?

- a. The placement determined by the school/LEA
- b. The school selected by the parent/guardian
- c. The district's or the state's virtual school
- d. A small room next to an Assistant Superintendent's office

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 14

The answer is: b.

s.722(g)(3)(B) **SCHOOL STABILITY**- In determining the best interest of the child or youth under subparagraph (A), the local educational agency shall-

- (i) **presume that keeping the child or youth in the school of origin is in the child's or youth's best interest, except when doing so is contrary to the request of the child's or youth's parent or guardian, or (in the case of an unaccompanied youth) the youth**

s.722(g)(3)(E) **ENROLLMENT DISPUTES**- If a dispute arises over eligibility, or school selection or enrollment in a school--

- (i) the child or youth shall be immediately **enrolled in the school in which enrollment is sought**, pending **final** resolution of the dispute, **including all available appeals.**

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 15

Which of the following qualifications are required by the McKinney-Vento Act of the person designated as the district's liaison for homeless children and youth?

- a. An appropriate staff person
- b. A staff person able to carry out the duties described in the McKinney-Vento Act
- c. A PhD in Public Administration
- d. A Level 4 Certification from the National Center for Homeless Education

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 15

The answer is: a.

s.722(g)(1)(J) Assurances that **the following will be carried out**—

(ii) The local educational agencies will designate an appropriate staff person, able to carry out the duties described in paragraph (6)(A), who may also be a coordinator for other Federal programs, as a local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 16


Indicate which of the following are true and which are false. The district-designated Homeless Liaison will ensure that:

- a. Homeless children and youth are identified
- b. Homeless children and youth are enrolled
- c. Homeless families and their children have access to educational services
- d. The LEA collaborates with community partners

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 16

The answers are: all are TRUE, except d.

s.722(g)(6) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY LIAISON-


(A) DUTIES- Each local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, designated under paragraph (1)(J)(ii), shall ensure that--

- (i) homeless children and youths are identified by school personnel through outreach and coordination activities with other entities and agencies;
- (ii) homeless children and youths are enrolled in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools of that local educational agency;
- (iii) homeless families and homeless children and youths have access to and receive educational services for which such families, children, and youths are eligible, including services through Head Start programs (including Early Head Start programs) under the Head Start Act (42 U.S.C. 9831 et seq.), early intervention services under part C of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (20 U.S.C. 1431 et seq.), and other preschool programs administered by the local educational agency;

This means that HLs collaborate with community partners for the to identify homeless families with children and make sure the children are enrolled in school.

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 17

The district-designated Homeless Liaison will ensure that (True or False for each):

- a. Homeless families and their children receive referrals to community services
- b. Parents and guardians of HCY are informed of their children’s educational opportunities
- c. The educational rights of HCY are posted in schools and the community
- d. Homeless high school students are prepared for college

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 17

The answers are: all are TRUE, except d.

s.722(g)(6) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY LIAISON-

(A) DUTIES- Each local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, shall ensure that—

(iv) homeless families and homeless children and youths receive referrals to health care services, dental services, mental health and substance abuse services, housing services, and other appropriate services;

(v) the parents or guardians of homeless children and youths 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;

(vi) public notice of the educational rights of homeless children and youths is disseminated in locations frequented by parents or guardians of such children and youths, and unaccompanied youths, including schools, shelters, public libraries, and soup kitchens, in a manner and form understandable to the parents and guardians of homeless children and youths, and unaccompanied youths;

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 18


The district-designated Homeless Liaison will ensure that (True or False for each):

- a. Enrollment disputes are mediated
- b. Parents/guardians/UHY are informed of all transportation services for which HCY are eligible
- c. School personnel are trained and supported for the purposes of the MVA.
- d. UHY are enrolled, supported, and verified of their status for FAFSA.
- e. All of the windows on the School of Origin bus are washed

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 18

The answers are: all are TRUE, except e.

s.722(g)(6) LOCAL EDUCATIONAL AGENCY LIAISON-


(A) DUTIES- Each local educational agency liaison for homeless children and youths, shall ensure that—

- (vii) enrollment disputes are mediated in accordance with paragraph (3)(E);
- (viii) the parent or guardian of a homeless child or youth, and any unaccompanied youth, is fully informed of all transportation services, including transportation to the school of origin, and is assisted in accessing transportation to the selected [eligible] school.
- (ix) school personnel providing services under this subtitle receive professional development and other support; and
- (x) unaccompanied youths—
 - (I) are enrolled in school;
 - (II) have opportunities to meet the same challenging State academic standards . . . ; and
 - (III) are informed of their status as independent students . . . and that the youths may obtain assistance from the local educational agency liaison to receive verification of such status for purposes of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid . . .

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 19

Who has the primary responsibility for coordinating with local social service and other agencies that provide services to homeless children and youth and their families?

- a. The Local Educational Agency (LEA)
- b. The designated district Homeless Liaison
- c. The Director of Student Services
- d. The Department of Children and Families

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 19

The answer is: a.

s.722(g)(5) COORDINATION-

(A) IN GENERAL- Each local educational agency serving homeless children and youths that receives assistance under this subtitle shall coordinate--

(i) the provision of services under this subtitle with local social services agencies and other agencies or entities providing services to homeless children and youths and their families, including services and programs funded under the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 20

What education-related services or activities are coordinated by the LEA?

- a. Transportation, referral to housing, access to health care
- b. Transfer of school records, paying library late fees, paying rent and utilities
- c. Transportation, transfer of school records, inter-district activities
- d. Referral to housing, transfer of school records, paying rent and utilities

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ESSA-MVA Pop Quiz, Question 20

The answer is: c.

s.722(g)(5) COORDINATION-

(A) IN GENERAL- Each local educational agency serving homeless children and youths that receives assistance under this subtitle shall coordinate--

(ii) transportation, transfer of school records, and other inter-district activities, with other local educational agencies.

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How did you do?

- 20 correct?
- 17-19 correct?
- 14-16 correct?
- 10-15 correct?
- 1-10 correct?



This is your baseline score.

We'll have another quiz in the Fall.

So, study up!

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Moment of Clarity



What was yours?

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New Stuff!

- **Field Drafts**
 - *ESSA-McKinney-Vento LEA Policy Checklist*
 - *ESSA-McKinney-Vento Dispute Resolution Process Guide*
 - *EHCY Needs Assessment Process Guide*

(Sign up to serve on the review group and receive an email copy.)
- **New Publication**
 - *Frequently Asked Questions on Helping Unaccompanied Homeless Youth Access Health Services*

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