

# RSU 9 MCKINNEY-VENTO BOARD REPORT



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## RSU 9 CURRENT MCKINNEY-VENTO STATUS NOVEMBER 2023

Total as of 11/21/23: **36 students**

PK-5 = 23 students

6th-8th = 4 students

9th-12th = 9 students

Unaccompanied: 10 out of the 36


Majority of students qualify under the "Doubled up" category

### Strategies Everyone Can Implement to Strengthen Families in Maine

**Maine DHHS Webinar Date: MONDAY, December 4, 2023, from 10 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. via Zoom.**

**Please register here to participate in the webinar and/or receive the recording and resources.**

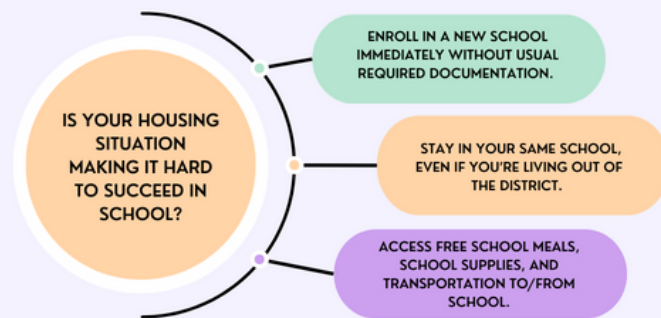
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You or a loved one may qualify for certain rights and protections under the McKinney-Vento Act.



Connect with your local school district liaison today to learn more about your rights:  
<https://bit.ly/3Eh3Rlt>

### FAQ of the Month

Q: How "immediate" is immediate enrollment?

A: The McKinney-Vento Act requires schools to enroll students experiencing homelessness immediately, even if the student is unable to provide documents that are typically required for enrollment. 42 U.S.C. §11432(g)(3)(C). Enroll means permitting the student to attend classes and participate fully in school activities. 42 U.S.C. §11434A(1).

Although the Act does not define immediate, the standard dictionary definition is "without delay." Therefore, the student must begin attending classes and participating fully in school activities without delay. Generally, that would mean the same or the following day.

### McKinney-Vento Highlight!

*RSU 9 partnered with CMP to support family with 5 in-district children get power restored at their residence and put in place a long term plan for payment*

# New Funding Opportunities!

The new State Pilot Program to Help Maine Students Avoid Homelessness is effective as of July 1, 2023! This pilot program provides McKinney-Vento liaisons with access to emergency financial assistance for students at risk of homelessness.

The Maine Department of Education (DOE) will provide McKinney-Vento liaisons access to emergency financial assistance for the families of students in an amount of up to \$750 per student per year. Emergency assistance may be provided for any allowable uses under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, and other housing-related needs such as rental assistance, utilities, and critical home repairs that will help a student avoid homelessness. School administrative units (SAUs) will receive allocations via a formula this fall and can apply for reimbursement through the Grants4ME system. Because the budget that includes the allocation for this project will not be enacted until 90 days after the end of the legislative session, invoices will not begin to be processed until after October 25, 2023. SAUs may apply for pre-award costs dating back to 7/1/2023.

## Allowable uses include:

- Housing-related needs, rental assistance, security deposits, hotel/motel stays
- Utilities, heating, electricity, water
- Critical home repairs, fixing broken windows, roof repair, floor repair, a working kitchen, plumbing, electrical, or other health and safety home repairs, provision of potable water and sewer, energy conservation, removal/mitigation of lead-based paint, asbestos, radon, or other hazardous material, and removal/mitigation of pests, vermin, or mold.
- The provision of assistance to defray the excess cost of transportation for students where necessary to enable students to attend the school selected.
- The provision of other extraordinary or emergency assistance needed to enable homeless children and youths to attend school and participate fully in school activities. Examples may include car repairs if the student is residing in the vehicle, or the vehicle is the primary method the child is transported to/from school, or furniture if the housing would otherwise be determined inadequate under the definition of McKinney-Vento, for example, the child did not have a bed.



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