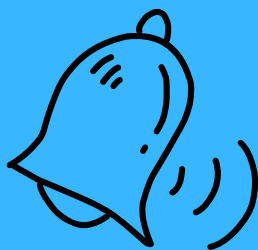


# RSU 9 MCKINNEY-VENTO BOARD UPDATE APRIL 2024



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## FAQ OF THE MONTH

RSU 9 CURRENT

MCKINNEY-  
VENTO STUDENTS

APRIL 2024

TOTAL AS OF 04/12/2024: 45 STUDENTS

(WAS 50 BUT RECENTLY HAD SOME STUDENTS MOVE OUT OF  
DISTRICT)

PK-5 = 26 STUDENTS

6TH-8TH = 8 STUDENTS

9TH-12TH = 11 STUDENTS

UNACCOMPANIED: 6 OUT OF THE  
45

MAJORITY OF STUDENTS QUALIFY  
UNDER THE "DOUBLED UP"  
CATEGORY



Q: WHEN IS A STUDENT CONSIDERED AN UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH (UHY)?

A: THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT DEFINES UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH AS "A HOMELESS CHILD OR YOUTH NOT IN THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN" (42 USC § 11434A(6)). TWO CONDITIONS MUST BE PRESENT FOR A CHILD OR YOUTH TO BE CONSIDERED AN UNACCOMPANIED YOUTH UNDER THE MCKINNEY-VENTO ACT:

THE CHILD'S OR YOUTH'S LIVING ARRANGEMENT MEETS THE ACT'S DEFINITION OF HOMELESS, AND

THE CHILD OR YOUTH IS NOT IN THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. PHYSICAL CUSTODY REFERS TO WHERE A CHILD OR YOUTH IS PHYSICALLY LIVING; AS SUCH, A STUDENT WHO IS NOT IN THE PHYSICAL CUSTODY OF A PARENT OR GUARDIAN IS A STUDENT WHO IS NOT LIVING WITH A PARENT OR GUARDIAN. THERE IS NO AGE LIMITATION FOR BEING IDENTIFIED AS A UHY STUDENT. IF A CHILD OR YOUTH IS ELIGIBLE FOR K-12 PUBLIC EDUCATION IN THE STATE, THEY MAY BE ENROLLED AND SERVED AS AN UNACCOMPANIED HOMELESS YOUTH. IF APPLICABLE, A CAREGIVER AUTHORIZATION FORM CAN BE COMPLETED FOR A UHY STUDENT BY THE ADULT THEY ARE LIVING WITH TO SUPPORT THE YOUTH OR CHILD IN ACCESSING THEIR EDUCATION.

## MCKINNEY-VENTO HIGHLIGHTS!

1. RSU 9 WAS ABLE TO SUPPORT A FAMILY THAT WAS LIVING IN A TENT BY PROVIDING A SECURITY DEPOSIT AND FIRST MONTHS RENT IN ORDER TO GET THEM INTO STABLE HOUSING
2. RSU 9 PARTNERED WITH THE STATE MV COORDINATOR TO SUPPORT A FAMILY WITH A MULTI-DISTRICT COMPLEX CASE TO MAKE SURE THE STUDENTS WERE ABLE TO RETURN TO SCHOOL
3. RSU 9 WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY RESOURCES IN ORDER FOR STUDENT TO PARTICIPATE IN A SCHOOL ATHLETICS PROGRAM
4. RSU 9 WAS ABLE TO GET A STUDENT ENROLLED IN SCHOOL WHO HAD NOT BEEN IN SCHOOL FOR THE VAST MAJORITY OF THE YEAR

## SCHOOLS CAN SUPPORT STUDENTS WITH HOUSING INSTABILITY BY:

- IDENTIFYING AFFECTED STUDENTS
- DESIGNATING A SUPPORT STAFF MEMBER
- PROVIDING BASIC NEEDS LIKE FOOD AND CLOTHING
- OFFERING TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE
- PROVIDING ACADEMIC AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT
- OFFERING HOUSING REFERRAL SERVICES
- IMPLEMENTING FLEXIBLE POLICIES
- ENSURING EDUCATIONAL STABILITY
- BUILDING COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS.