

RSU 9 BOARD REPORT

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What does 'Doubled Up' mean?

The term "doubled-up" within the McKinney-Vento Act is described as "sharing the housing of other persons". Doubled-up implies that the student is staying in another person's home. Students qualify as homeless if the following situations describe their living situation: a) the student/family has no legal right to be in the home; b) the student/family can be asked to leave at any time with no legal recourse; c) the living situation is intended to be temporary; d) the student/family moved into the home as an urgent measure to avoid being on the street or in another precarious situation.



McKinney-Vento
Serving Students In Transition

RSU 9 Current McKinney-Vento Status

Total number= 32 students

PK-5th = 16 students

6-8th grade = 6 students

9-12th grade= 10 students

Majority of students are 'Doubled Up'.

Available resources to students are: immediate registration, transportation, school supplies, hygiene products, sneakers, winter wear etc.



Homeless Liaison Fall/Winter trainings

The State of Maine Department of Education offers support to McKinney-Vento liaisons in the form of periodic training offerings, a detailed webpage of resources and a DOE support person in the office of Migrant Education & Homeless Education Office of School and Student Support.

This fall/winter, the district liaison has completed:

- * The required annual McKinney-Vento Assessment
- * McKinney-Vento-Requirements of the Law webinar
- * Understanding Doubled Up webinar
- * Determining Eligibility Rights and Services webinar
- * ARP funds and Homelessness-webinar

American Rescue Plan-Homeless Grants

In recognition of the extraordinary impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on students experiencing homelessness, the ARP included an unprecedented \$800 million to support the specific needs of homeless children and youth via the American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth (ARP-HCY) Fund. State educational agencies and local educational agencies (LEAs) must use ARP-HCY funds to identify homeless children and youth, to provide homeless children and youth with wrap-around services to address the challenges of COVID-19, and to enable homeless children and youth to attend school and fully participate in school activities.

RSU 9 will be using part of these funds to provide stipends for school based:

- *Points of Contact
- *Systems Navigators

Points of Contacts will assist in the identification of homeless youth by use of the Housing Questionnaire.

Systems Navigators will assist unaccompanied youth and families of homeless youth with accessing local and community supports.

The grant money will also be used to supply food pantries and clothing closets at each RSU 9 school.