

Question and Answer – November 2020

Below is a list of questions that were submitted during the Highly Mobile and At-Risk (HM&AR) presentation on November 5th, 2020. The questions have been sorted by topic.

Mental and Behavioral Health

Q1. How do we get to the STAT website?

A. [Support for Teachers Affected by Trauma | Home \(statprogram.org\)](https://statprogram.org)

Q2. My district is interested in participating in the Project Restore pilot. Who do we contact for this?

A. You can send an email to: jordan.brown@tea.texas.gov

Transition Assistance

Q3. What is the enrollment requirement for an unaccompanied youth under the age of 18 wanting to enroll without a parent? What documents are we allowed to ask for? What are we not allowed to ask for? Example: Living Separate and Apart form?

A. Students who are experiencing homelessness and who are an Unaccompanied Youth should be enrolled immediately. LEAs should work closely with unaccompanied youth who are experiencing homeless to remove any barriers to enrollment and assist in requesting records from the previous school.

Q4. We have heard that private schools are refusing to give parents withdrawal and student records because they owe a fee. Is this allowed?

A. TEA has no authority over private schools. If a private school is refusing to provide student records due to a fee, we recommend that the McKinney-Vento Liaison of the receiving school works collaboratively with the private school and the student's family to assist in facilitating records whenever possible to support enrollment.

Q5. Can you provide an updated Student Residency Form?

A. Yes. The most recent version of a sample [Student Residency Questionnaire](#) is located in the [TEHCY website Resources page](#).

Utilizing Student Data and Engagement

Q6. Is it possible to receive the PEIMS report numbers that would assist us with student data reported for Homeless students and Foster Care Students as an ESC?

A. At this time, we are exploring what can be implemented to assist in providing data for students experiencing homelessness to ESC McKinney-Vento contacts.

Q7. Is there a checklist to provide for PEIMS staff to assist in what data needs to be reviewed?

A. No, not at this time. Each LEA should work collaboratively with their campus and district staff to determine what data components should be requested and reviewed on a regular cadence.

Highly Mobile Student Engagement

Q8. We are a full time TxVSN school. Due to COVID-19 our enrollment has exploded. We have an enrollment window and are anticipating a waitlist for a spot will soon be needed. What is our legal responsibility for enrollment and the waitlist for students under McKinney-Vento and foster care?

A. For additional guidance on TxVSN enrollment and waitlist information, visit the TxVSN FAQ webpage or contact the TxVSN help desk at 866-938-9876 or email txvsncentral@tea.texas.gov.

Q9. Has the Texas Education for Homeless Children in Youth (TEHCY) program worked on a pamphlet that we can give families on the homeless program?

A. Yes. The TEHCY program is in the process of developing a new pamphlet. The anticipated release date of the resources is Spring 2021. Please check the [TEHCY website](#) and [subscribe to the McKinney-Vento newsletters](#) to receive updates.

Other

Q10. How do we get credit for this training? Will we get a certificate?

A. The HM&AR Division does not provide certificates for division webinars. The purpose of the webinars is to update and inform education stakeholders of new resources and information. Our division continues to provide [trainings](#) on a variety of topics. We look forward to your continued participation in the improvement of outcomes for highly mobile and at-risk students. [Sign up for the HM&AR newsletter](#) to stay in the loop!

Q11. When are the next webinars?

A. The next two HM&AR division webinars are scheduled for:

- [Thursday April 1st](#) 1:00 – 2:30 pm
- [Thursday September 16th](#) 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Q12. How can I receive updates on HM&AR Programs?

A. [Sign up for all of the HM&AR newsletters!](#) Here is our recommended list:

- Foster Care and Student Success
- McKinney-Vento Homeless Education
- At-Risk and Highly Mobile Student Programs Division
- Military Connected Students
- Mental and Behavioral Health