



Harvey's Impact on LEA's Accountability/Funding

PEIMS Submission 1 Deadline: Jan. 23, 2018

Due to the severity of Hurricane Harvey many more students and families, than reported, are living in circumstances that meet the federal McKinney-Vento definition of Homeless. **By federal law, all students in these circumstances, must be identified and coded.**

Potential Impact of Under-Reporting



- Inaccurate crisis and homeless coding does not provide a clear picture of the impact Hurricane Harvey has had on Texas schools, communities, and students.
- The underreporting of McKinney-Vento eligible students may hinder a school system's opportunity to receive additional funds, should they become available.
- The number of students with a crisis and/or homeless coding will be considered by the Commissioner for potential accountability decisions.

Identification of Students in Homeless Situations



- Every school district should have a means of identifying the living situation of all students entering and/or returning to their schools, including students displaced by Hurricane Harvey.
- School districts are required to identify students who are living in circumstances, that meet the definition of homeless, regardless if the family chooses to be identified or considers themselves "homeless".
- A student can be identified as homeless even if a Student Residency Questionnaire (SRQ), intake form or other process the district uses, was not signed by a parent or guardian.
- Families may opt out of homeless student related services; yet districts are still required to code students as homeless for federal and state reporting purposes.

McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Definition Clarifications



- Student(s) sharing the housing of other persons due to a loss of housing (e.g. staying with friends or relatives), or living in a hotel, shelter or other transitional housing programs, due to loss of housing because of the hurricane are considered homeless.
- Families living in temporary housing while their home is being repaired, may be McKinney-Vento eligible (e.g. those living in travel trailers or camp grounds, due to the lack of adequate alternative housing).
- Families living in substandard housing conditions (e.g. living in the second story of their home, because the first floor was flooded and they cannot use their kitchen or bathroom while repairs are occurring are McKinney-Vento eligible).
- "Homelessness" is a characteristic of the individual's living setting and not a result of a home school district being closed temporarily.

TSDS PEIMS Reporting



- In order for school systems and the Texas Education Agency to determine the total number of students who are homeless because of Hurricane Harvey, these students must be reported in TSDS PEIMS as both homeless and with the appropriate crisis code (5A,5B,5C):
 - **5A** – This specific code indicates a student was enrolled or was eligible to enroll in an LEA impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and the student enrolled in a different LEA during the 2017-2018 school year.
 - **5B** – This specific code indicates a student was enrolled or was eligible to enroll in an LEA impacted by Hurricane Harvey, and the student enrolled in another campus in the same LEA during the 2017-2018 school year.
 - **5C** – **This specific code indicates a student is identified as homeless because of Hurricane Harvey but has remained enrolled in their home campus during the 2017-2018 school year.**

Homeless and Crisis Coding Chart

(PDF - [Homeless and Crisis Coding Chart](#))

TEA Resources



- Hurricane Harvey Crisis Code FAQ ([Crisis Code FAQ](#))
- Sample questionnaire that may be used or adapted to assist with identification of students who are McKinney-Vento eligible ([SRQ Sample](#))
- Video online overview for Superintendents and Administrators on Crisis Coding (<https://youtu.be/7JJYExgL1IE>)

Additional Support



- Submit questions regarding the TSDS PEIMS submission requirements to the TSDS Incident Management System (TIMS), which is available within the TSDS portal.
- Direct questions regarding McKinney-Vento Homeless reporting requirements to Texas McKinney-Vento State Coordinator, Cal Lopez at 512-463-9414 or homelesseducation@tea.texas.gov or Texas Homeless Education Office (THEO) at 1-800-446-3142.