

Coordination between Title IA and McKinney-Vento

Coordination between Title IA and McKinney-Vento is critical to meet the needs of children and youth experiencing homelessness. All homeless students are eligible for Title IA services and should receive services at non-Title I schools as well as Title I schools. Moreover, homeless children and youth often have needs that exceed those of other children receiving Title I services.

Each year, Title IA programs are required to set aside funds to meet the educational needs of homeless children and youth in their school district and include this amount in the local consolidated plan. The funds may support additional tutoring services for homeless students in Title I and non-Title I schools, as well as in shelters and hotels or motels where homeless families live. The funds may also be used to remove barriers homeless students face to enable them to participate in educational activities, such as providing support for field trips, counseling, or school uniforms. The funds may be used to support the position of the local homeless liaison, whether or not the local liaison carries out Title I duties. The funds should not be used for items such as rent, utilities, or clothing for parents. Additionally, the funds cannot be used to transport homeless children and youth to and from their school of origin unless it is for the excess cost that is incurred.

Each year, the Title I coordinator and local homeless liaison should work together to determine an appropriate amount of funds to be reserved for homeless students. The two individuals should review data on homeless students in the school district to address the following questions:

- How many homeless students were enrolled in our schools during the past year?
- How many of these students attended non-Title I schools?
- What are the greatest unmet educational needs of homeless children and youth in the district?

Once these questions are answered, the coordinator and homeless liaison should identify activities to meet the needs and determine the amount for the Title I homeless set aside, keeping in mind that activities should supplement and not supplant those that are required by the school district.

Ways to determine set aside amounts:

- Base amounts on an annual needs assessment for homeless students
- Multiply the number of homeless students by the Title IA per pupil allocation
- For districts with subgrants, reserve an amount equal to or greater than the MV funding request
- Reserve a percentage based on the district's poverty level or Title IA allocation

Meetings between the Title I coordinator and homeless liaison should occur throughout the school year so that the homeless set aside funds can be spent appropriately. The Title I coordinator and homeless liaison should be very familiar with each other's programs.

Additional information on the coordination between Title I and McKinney-Vento programs in a brief developed by the National Center for Homeless Education is available [HERE](#).

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