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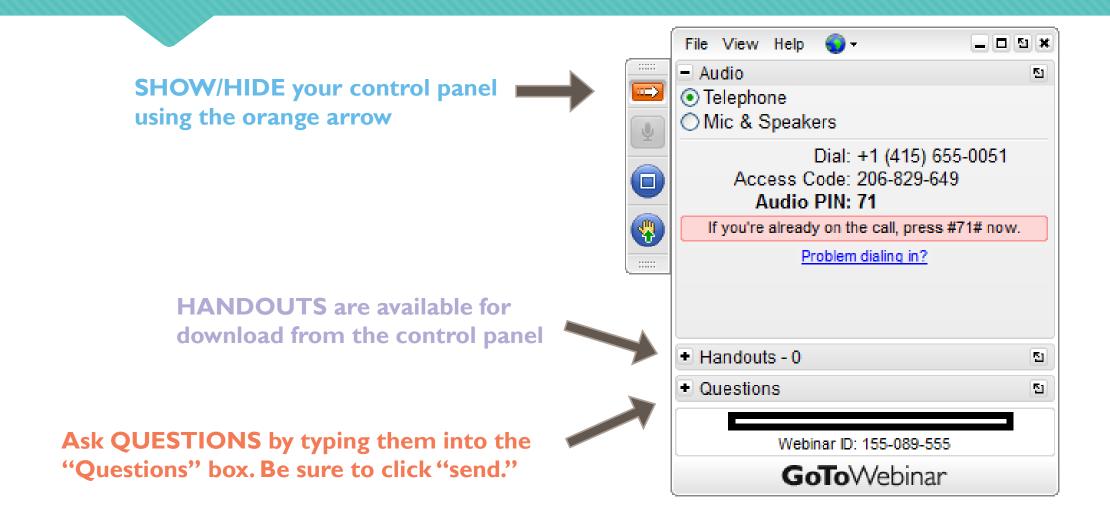
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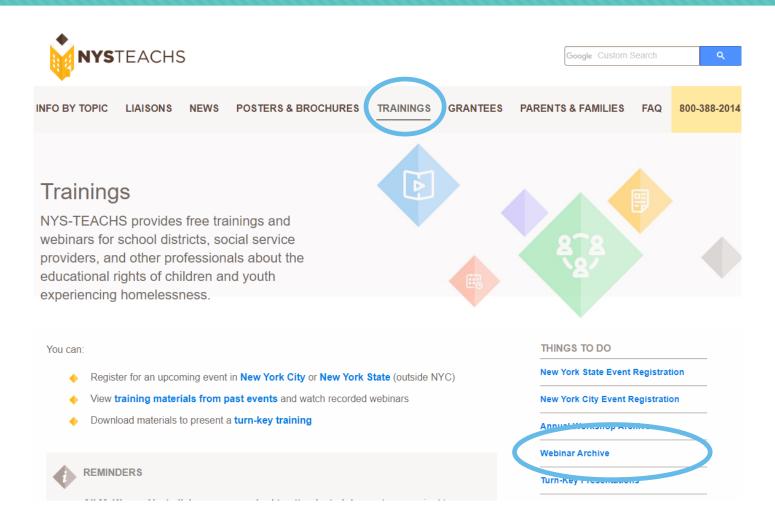
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About Us: NYS-TEACHS

- New York State Technical and Education Assistance Center for Homeless Students (NYS-TEACHS) is funded by the New York State Education Department and housed at Advocates for Children of New York.
- NYS-TEACHS provides technical assistance on homeless education issues. Services include:
 - Infoline (800-388-2014)
 - Website (www.nysteachs.org)
 - O Web-based events
 - O Outreach Materials



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The McKinney-Vento Act is still in effect. For new guidance related to the COVID-19 pandemic and education, look to NYSED and NYS-TEACHS.

Federal Law: McKinney-Vento Act New York State Education Law Section 3209 NYS Commissioner's Regulations Section100.2(x)

Updates:

- <u>NYSED's Coronavirus Guidance and News</u>
- <u>NYS-TEACHS COVID-19 Newsfeed</u>





STAC Procedures/ Tuition Reimbursement

Transportation Aid & Other Transportation Funding

Title I, Part A

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Poll

Tuition reimbursement is processed automatically based on data from the district of current location's student management system. a.True b.False

Designation Form: STAC 202

Two purposes:

- <u>Official Designation</u> form (complete for every M-V student enrolled in your district and send a copy to districts listed)
- <u>Tuition Reimbursement</u> form

When should this form be mailed to the STAC Unit to initiate tuition reimbursement?

The form should be mailed to the STAC Unit when the student is **not** enrolled in their District of Origin.

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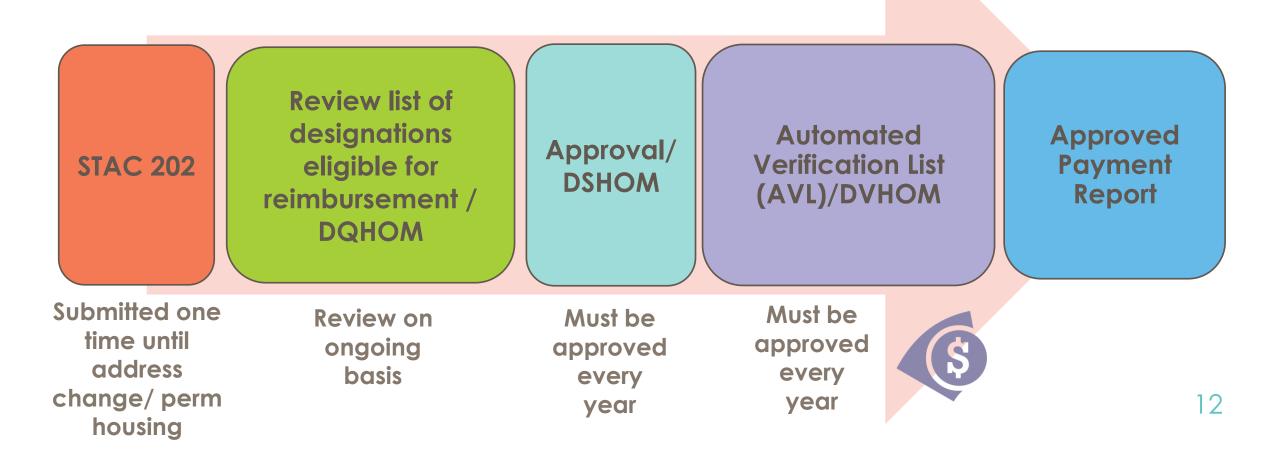
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Filling out the STAC 202

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- O District Where Last Enrolled (7B)
- O District of Current Location (8A)
- Designated District of Attendance (9A)

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Reimbursement for Educational Services: A Roadmap



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The DQHOM "Non-Resident Homeless Approval" screen displays:

- Attendance (educating 9A): For the user's district, this shows all students who are enrolled in your district and eligible for homeless reimbursement for any part of the selected year and students who have a designation from the prior year(s).
- Last Permanently Housed Prior to Attendance (origin 7A): Clicking this button will show you all of the students for whom your district was identified as a SD of origin when the student transferred to a new district.

Reimbursement for Educational Services: DS-HOM Screen in STAC Mainframe

- District of attendance has the responsibility to add a non-resident homeless request for reimbursement approval (DSHOM) every school year that eligibility is open.
- Amount of reimbursement is based on type of placement (in-district, BOCES or approved private school), and actual dates of services. This must be reported for each student.

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Reimbursement for Educational Services: Automated Verification List AKA DVHOM

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Reimbursement for Educational Services

Approved Payment	General Formula
Report	Aid Output Report
Report mailed to district of current location	Online report that includes any deduction from district of origin's aid

Overview of
District
Responsibilities

How is the info used by SED Identify the districts in reimbursement involved: processing? School district of STAC 202 – 7A Entry: Receives chargeback attendance before becoming homeless (STAC 202 item 7A) School district where STAC 202 – 7B Entry: Keep last enrolled (STAC 202 copy on file item 7B) School district of STAC 202 – 8A Entry: Eligible for homeless education current location (STAC 202 item 8A) reimbursement

Designated district typically sends in the STAC form and identifies the districts involved.

Responsibilities of District Where Last Permanently Housed (District of Origin)

The additional State education aid available through the NYSED STAC Unit for certain students in temporary housing requires that a different NYS school district be identified as where the student was last permanently housed.

- 1) Review designation forms from designated district of attendance/Review DQHOM list
- 2) Contact designated district of attendance to correct information.
- 3) The chargeback details by student are posted by STAC Unit (DQCDI).
- 4) The FTE chargeback totals are posted on State Aid GEN Report.

Districts should regularly review designation forms received and chargeback posted by the STAC Unit.

Remainder of the School Year

- Student can stay in same school for remainder of school year after becoming permanently housed.
- District cannot use STAC process after student becomes permanently housed must close out STAC 202.
- District providing instruction can directly bill new district of residence.
- NYSED Memo on this topic: <u>Guidance for Permanent Placements/McKinney-Vento Eligible</u> <u>Students and Tuition Reimbursement</u>





STAC Procedures/ Tuition Reimbursement

Transportation Aid & Other Transportation Funding

Title I, Part A

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Poll

Transportation expenses for students experiencing homelessness are reimbursed through the STAC process. True or False? A.True B. False

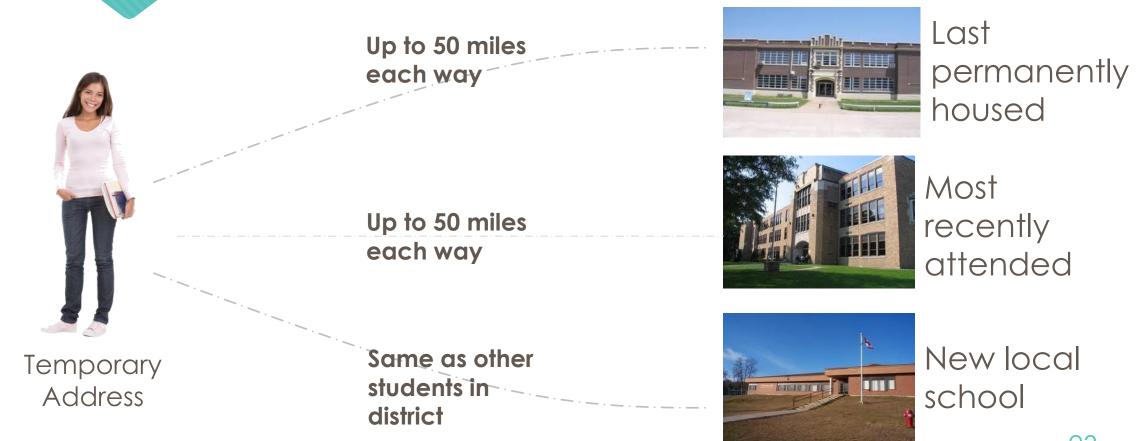


Transportation for Students in Temporary Housing

- Students experiencing homelessness, including preschoolers, are entitled to transportation to school of origin.
- Students **who move into permanent housing** are entitled to transportation through the remainder of the school year and an additional year if it is the child's terminal grade in the school.
- Students who enroll locally are entitled to comparable transportation as their permanently housed peers receive, and elimination of barriers to enroll in and attend school.



District of Attendance is Responsible for Providing Transportation



Poll

Where DSS is responsible for transportation and asks the designated school district to arrange it, DSS must reimburse the school district. a.True b.False When is the Department of Social Services (DSS) responsible for transportation?

Department of social services placed the family in emergency housing outside of the school district where the student goes to school

Student is eligible for Emergency Assistance for Families (EAF)

Obligations of the Local Department of Social Services

- LDSS responsible for transporting students who meet criteria (LDSS placed in temporary housing outside the school district where student is enrolled + student EAF-eligible), including:
 - Students with individualized education programs (IEPs), including specialized transportation services
 - O Preschool students

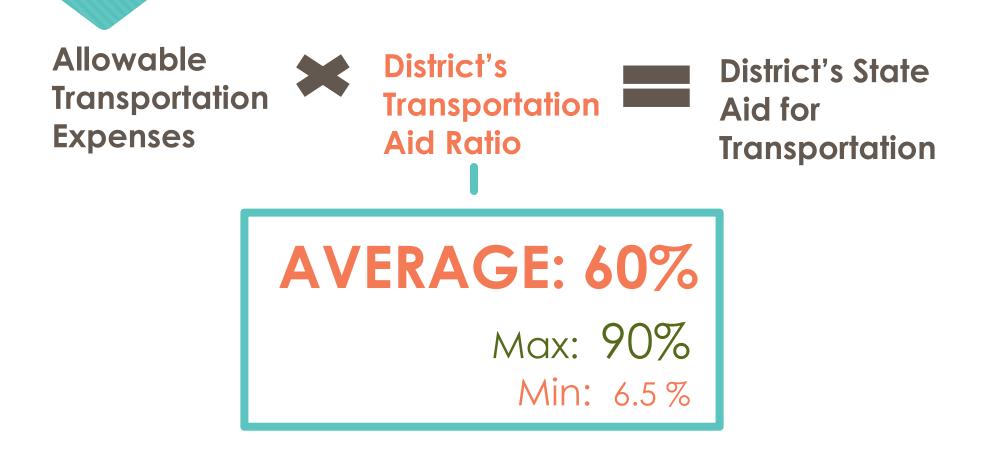
- If LDSS requests that the designated school district of attendance provide or arrange for this transportation, LDSS must fully and promptly reimburse the school district for the cost as determined by the school district.
 - District does not receive transportation aid for student, bills LDSS for entire cost of transportation.
 - <u>Sample DSS transportation protocol</u>

Transportation Funding Sources



*DSS is responsible for transportation when family was placed in emergency housing outside District of Origin + student is EAF-eligible

State Aid: Transportation Aid Ratios



District Transportation Aid Ratios

What if the student is staying at a Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) facility?

NYS Education Department

RHYA TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM

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Title I, Part A for Transportation Costs



- Districts may use Title I, Part A set-aside funds to defray the excess costs of transporting homeless students to and from their school of origin.
- What is the excess cost of transportation for a student experiencing homelessness? Difference between what LEA normally spends and cost of transporting student who is homeless.

USDE Non-Regulatory Guidance, Questions J-7, J-8

Transportation for the Remainder of the School Year

- Child/youth can stay **enrolled in the same school for remainder of school year** after becoming permanently housed, and an additional year if it is the child's terminal year in the school.
- Student is entitled to transportation to their school of origin during through the remainder of the school year, and an additional year if it is the child's terminal year in the school
 - Remainder of SY transportation provided by the *district of attendance*, even if student was previously transported by LDSS.
 - District of attendance is responsible for transportation and may bill the new district of residence for the transportation costs *left over after receiving State Aid*.



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Students in temporary housing attending non-Title I schools cannot receive Title I services. a.True b.False

What is the Title I, Part A Set-Aside?

All LEAs that receive Title I funds must do a set-aside for students experiencing homelessness.

- Local Education Agencies (LEAs) must designate these set-aside funds for extraordinary needs of homeless students. Students experiencing homelessness are:
 - Automatically eligible, even if they don't attend a Title I school or meet the academic standards required of other children for eligibility;
 - Entitled to educationally-related comparable support services and services not ordinarily provided to permanently housed students; and
 - Eligible to receive services for rest of academic year in which they become permanently housed.

Examples of Permissible Uses of Title I, Part A Set-Aside Funds

- Academic programs and educational support services
- Basic/emergency supplies
- Extended library hours/after school programs
- Counseling services
- Parental involvement
- Intervention programs
- Excess transportation costs
- Outreach efforts to identify the students in temporary housing and assist them
- The work of the liaison
- Research based programs that benefit highly mobile students
- Data collection to assess the needs/progress of students in temporary housing



Strategies for Determining the T1 Set-Aside Amount

Needs Assessment / Adjustment of previous set-aside

MV students x T1 per pupil allocation

= MV Grant

% based on district's poverty or T1A allocation

Collaboration between McKinney-Vento & Title I

- Invite Title I administrators to Homeless Education trainings and vice versa
- Work together to develop local plans for serving students experiencing homelessness
- Encourage regular interaction between district Title I Administrators and Local Liaisons
- Share information, materials, and relevant data



Title I, Part A Set-Asides

- <u>Title I, Part A: Homeless Set-</u> <u>Aside Guidance on Allowable</u> <u>and Unallowable Expenditures</u>, December 2019 NYSED Guidance
- <u>Title I, Part A Set-Aside for</u> <u>Homeless Students: New Data</u> <u>Collection Procedures Program</u> <u>Service Code 0892</u>, May 2019 NYSED Field Memo



TITLE I, Part A: Homeless Set-aside Guidance on Allowable and Unallowable Expenditures

Title I, Part A funds may be used to provide a wide variety of services to homeless students. In addition to providing services to assist homeless students in meeting the State's challenging academic standards, Title I, Part A funds may be used to provide services to homeless children and youths, including those in Title I schools, that may not ordinarily be provided to other Title I students. For example, to help homeless students effectively take advantage of educational opportunities, an LEA may use Title I, Part A funds to provide, where appropriate, items or services including, but not limited to:

	Allowable Expenditures		Unallowable Expenditures
•	Items of clothing and shoes necessary for participation in classes Student fees that are necessary to participate in the general education program	•	Rent or temporary lodgings Class ring Cost of drivers' test fees Prom gowns or tuxedos
	Personal school supplies such as backpacks and notebooks The acquisition of birth certificates		Note: Two principles govern the use of Title I, Part A funds to provide services to homeless students.
	Immunizations Food Medical and dental services Eyeglasses and hearing aids		First, the services must be reasonable and necessary to assist homeless students to take advantage of educational opportunities.
	Counseling services related to homeless issues that are impeding learning Outreach services		Second, Title I, Part A funds must be used only ar a last resort when funds or services are not available from other public or private sources, such as public health clinics, or local
•	Extended learning time (before and after school, Saturday, summer) Extra-curricular activity fees		
•	Tutoring services, especially in shelters or other locations where homeless students are residing		

Parental involvement



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McKinney-Vento Grants

- 54 LEAs (school districts and BOCES) receive grants that serve a total of 157 LEAs
- Examples of Direct Services
 - Tutoring
 - Counseling
 - O School supplies
- Examples of Indirect Services
 - Referrals or case management services from liaison whose salary is partially funded by grant
- In 2019-2022 cycle, 12 LEAs awarded with *Enhanced Grant* to support LEAs in their efforts to create and implement trauma-sensitive programs.
- See the <u>Grantee Page</u> for more information about the program.

What if the student attends a <u>Charter School</u>?

• A school district of attendance must be designated on the student's STAC-202 Form.

- Underlying public school district, not the charter school itself.
- May be District of Origin or District of Current Location.
- Responsible for transportation and other services (e.g. special education services).

Designated district is responsible for transportation:

- District of Origin Up to 50 miles each way.
- District of Current Location Same as provided for permanently housed students (e.g. 15 miles)



Payment of Charter School Tuition

• Designated district of attendance (either the district of origin or the district of current location) pays charter school tuition for a student who is identified as homeless.

Education Law § 3209(2)(h)

- If district of current location is designated as the district of attendance, it will be reimbursed the non-resident district tuition rate, pro-rated for the period of instruction while the student is in temporary housing. Reimbursement processed through the STAC unit.
- See NYS Field Memo #03 2013: Charter School Guidance Q & A

Next Steps for McKinney-Vento Liaisons

- 1. Ensure administrators and staff are informed of McKinney-Vento procedures
 - Identification of McKinney-Vento students
 - Entering data into the student management system
 - Requesting records from previous schools
 - Completion and submission of STAC 202 forms
 - **O** Transportation
 - O Title I services
- 2. Use a McKinney-Vento checklist
- 3. Pass along training announcements and/or provide a district training for your colleagues

- **Tuition reimbursement** is available for districts when the student experiencing homelessness was last permanently housed in another district in New York State.
- O If a family is placed by DSS in emergency housing outside the district of attendance and the student is EAF-eligible, DSS is responsible for transportation and must reimburse the school district if the district is asked to provide the transportation.
- Transportation expenses for students in temporary housing can be offset with state transportation aid or reimbursement for students in RHY facilities. Title I, Part A funds may be used to defray excess costs of transporting students in temporary housing to their schools of origin.
- O Students in temporary housing are categorically eligible for Title I, Part A services.

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