



American Rescue Plan (ARP) Homeless 1.0 & 2.0

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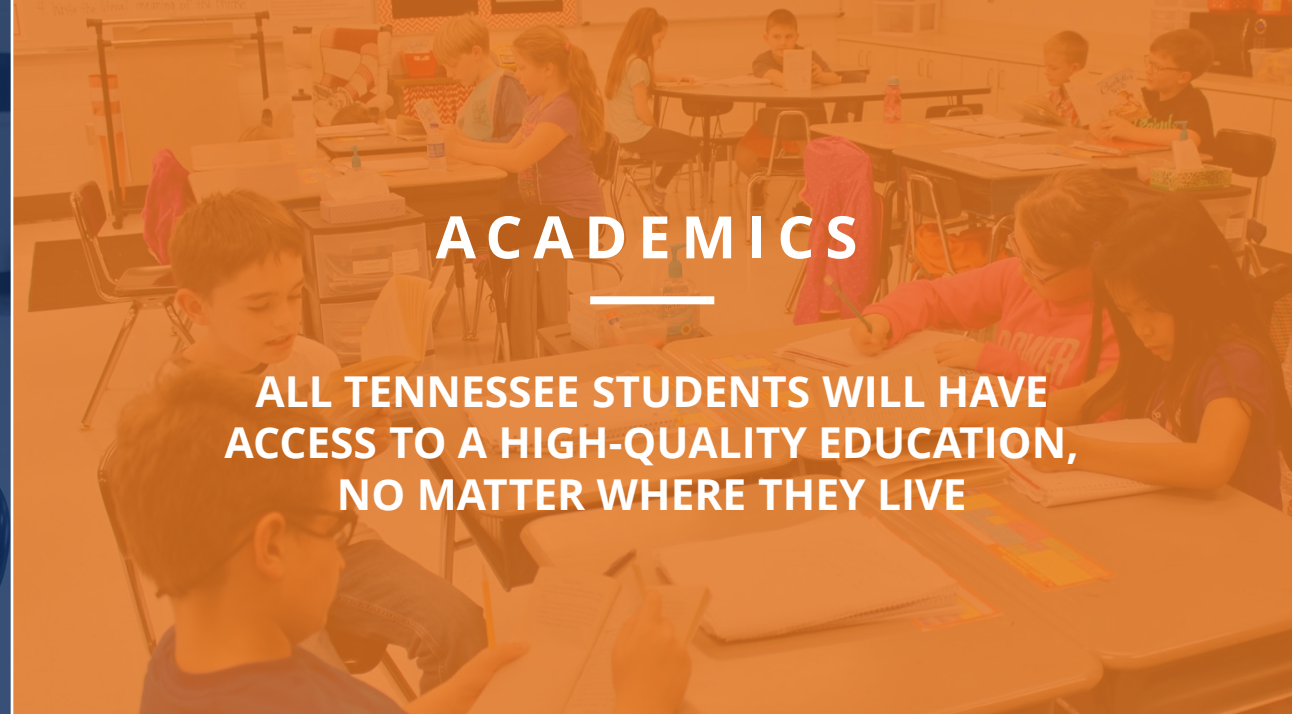
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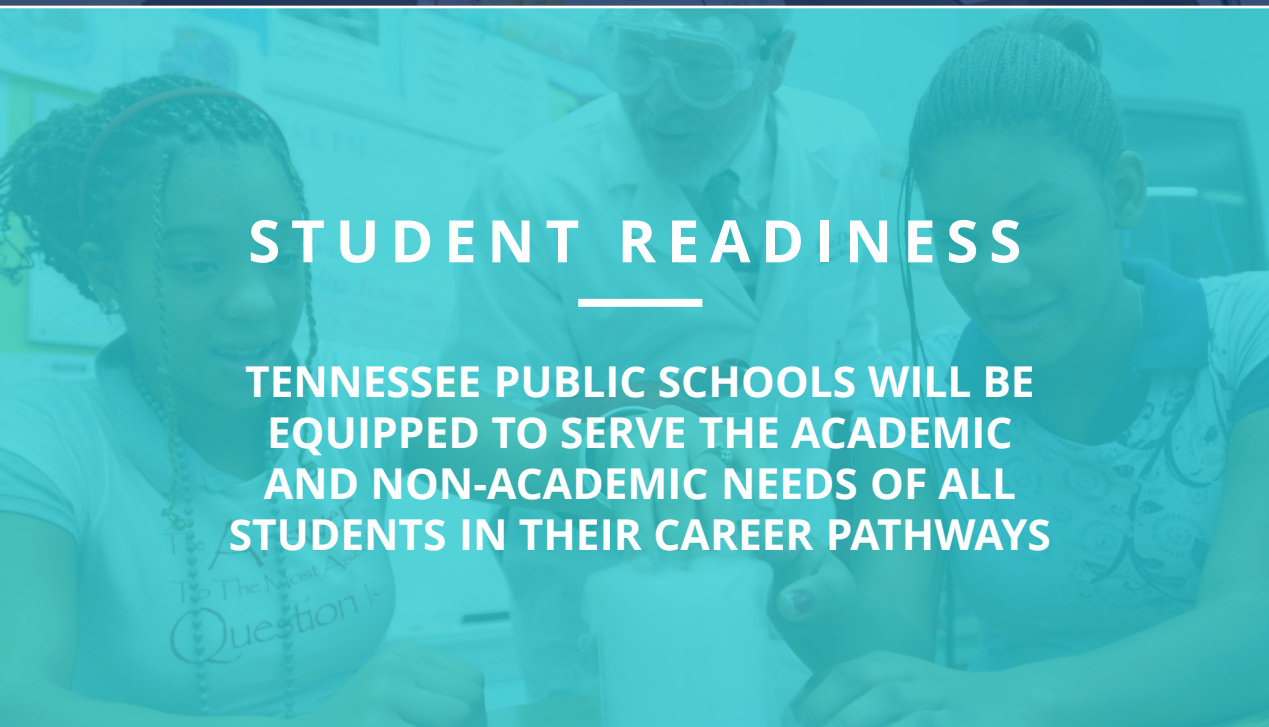
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We will set all students on a path to success.



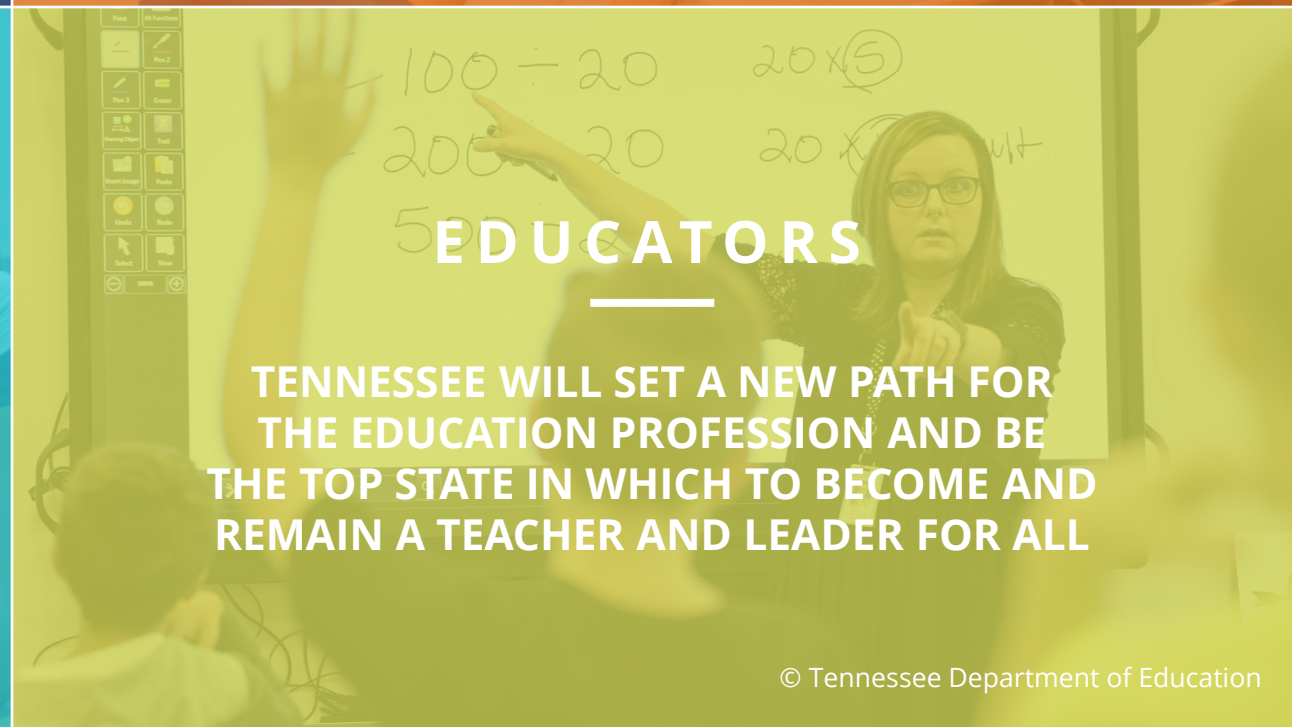
ACADEMICS

ALL TENNESSEE STUDENTS WILL HAVE ACCESS TO A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION, NO MATTER WHERE THEY LIVE



STUDENT READINESS

TENNESSEE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WILL BE EQUIPPED TO SERVE THE ACADEMIC AND NON-ACADEMIC NEEDS OF ALL STUDENTS IN THEIR CAREER PATHWAYS



EDUCATORS

TENNESSEE WILL SET A NEW PATH FOR THE EDUCATION PROFESSION AND BE THE TOP STATE IN WHICH TO BECOME AND REMAIN A TEACHER AND LEADER FOR ALL



Agenda

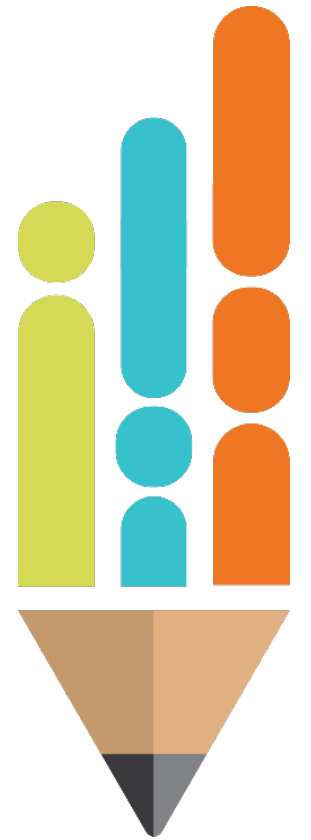
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Grant Overview: American Rescue Plan Homeless Children and Youth

ARP Homeless Overview

- Under Section 2001(B)(1) of the American Rescue Plan (ARP), a total of \$800 million dollars has been disbursed by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) to address the needs of homeless children and youth highlighted by the impact of COVID-19 and the recent pandemic.
- Based on [guidance and recommendations](#) from ED, ARP Homeless was allocated to local educational agencies (LEAs) through two separate awards: ARP Homeless 1.0 and ARP Homeless 2.0.
- An ARP Homeless Overview can be found [here](#) (ePlan > TDOE Resources > ARP Homeless)



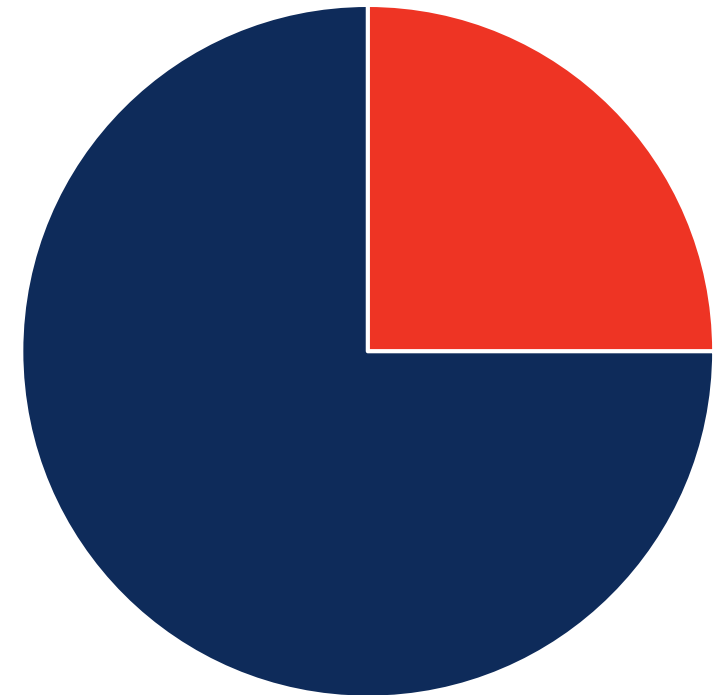
ARP Homeless Overview

- Funding should be used to:
 - **Identify** homeless children and youth;
 - Provide **wraparound services** needed in light of the recent pandemic; and
 - Provide assistance needed for homeless children and youth to attend and participate **fully in school activities**, including:
 - in-person instruction
 - acceleration and enrichment opportunities
 - re-engagement and success strategies for the contained support of students affected by COVID-19.



ARP Homeless Overview

- **25%** of the state's ARP Homeless allocation was made available in July 2021 as **ARP Homeless 1.0** to current McKinney-Vento subgrantees
- **75%** of the state's ARP Homeless allocation was made available in Sept. 2021 to all LEAs as **ARP Homeless 2.0**



■ ARP Homeless 1.0
■ ARP Homeless 2.0

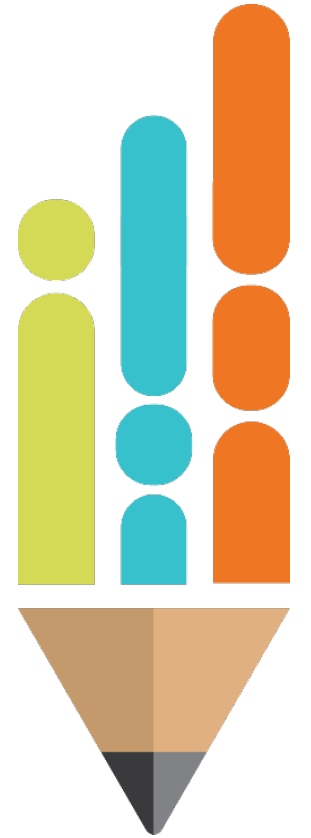


Fiscal Considerations

ARP Homeless Fiscal Considerations

▪ Period of Availability

- Awarded LEAs will have until **Sept. 30, 2024**, to obligate funds.
- All ARP homeless must be liquidated no later than **Dec. 15, 2024**.



ARP Homeless Fiscal Consideration

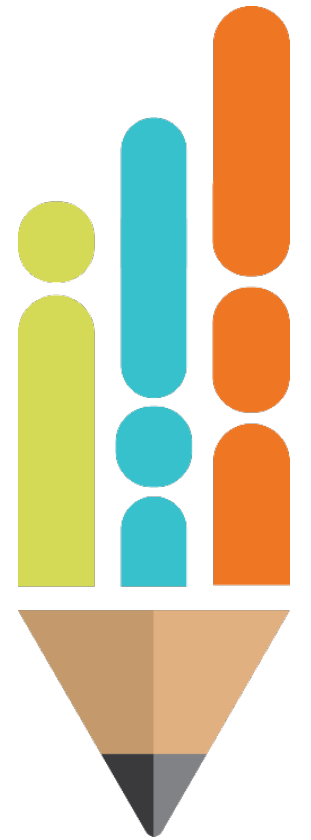
Release of Funds

- Releasing of Funds
 - LEAs who do not plan to spend **all** ARP Homeless 1.0 & 2.0 funds must release funds no later than **COB Friday, Aug. 16, 2024.**
 - LEAs wishing to release all funds must:
 - Email the McKinney-Vento grant manager at Vanessa.Waters@tn.gov and
 - Complete a Release of Funds Form, found in ePlan > TDOE Resources > Fiscal – District Technical Assistance > [Release of Funds](#). Follow the directions on the form to submit.



ARP Fiscal Considerations

- LEAs should use ARP Homeless funds before using their Title I, Part A Homeless set-aside or McKinney-Vento Subgrant (if applicable).
- LEAs must ensure that all costs associated with ARP Homeless funds are **reasonable and necessary** and that these uses of funds **align with the purpose of the Education of Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY)**.



ARP Homeless 2.0 Administration

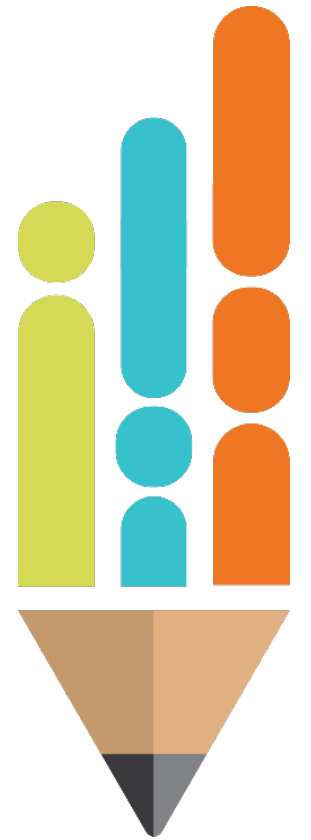
- Awarded LEAs may reserve **up to 5%** of ARP Homeless 2.0 funds for **administration** of the grant, including:
 - portion of salary/benefits of homeless liaison, bookkeeper (i.e., FTE).
 - stipends for administration staff to conduct work **outside of the regular workday/week/year**
 - professional development (PD) for administrative staff
- **Note:** *The 5% allowable is meant to cover work that is related to ARP Homeless only.*



Allowable Use of Funds

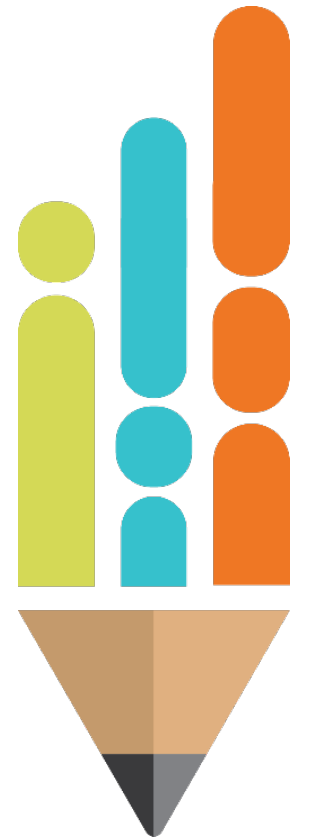
Allowable Use of Funds Part 1

- Funds can be used for any expense necessary to facilitate the identification, enrollment, retention, and educational success of homeless children and youth, such as:
 - providing **wraparound services**, which could be provided in collaboration with and/or through
 - **contracts with community-based organizations**, and could include academic supports, trauma-informed care, social-emotional support, and mental health services
 - purchasing needed **supplies** (e.g., PPE, eyeglasses, school supplies, personal care items)
 - providing **transportation** to enable children and youth to attend classes and participate fully in school activities



Allowable Use of Funds Part 2

- purchasing **cell phones or other technological devices** for unaccompanied youth to enable the youth to attend and fully participate in school activities
- providing access to **reliable, high-speed internet** for students through the purchase of internet-connected devices/equipment, mobile hotspots, wireless service plans, or installation of community Wi-Fi hotspots (e.g., at homeless shelters), especially in underserved communities
- paying for **short-term, temporary housing** when such emergency housing is the only reasonable option for and when necessary to enable the homeless child or youth to attend school and participate fully in school activities (including summer school)
 - **Updated** guidance from ED now allows for motel/ hotel stays to be expended beyond the three-day max period with pre-approval from ED & SEA.



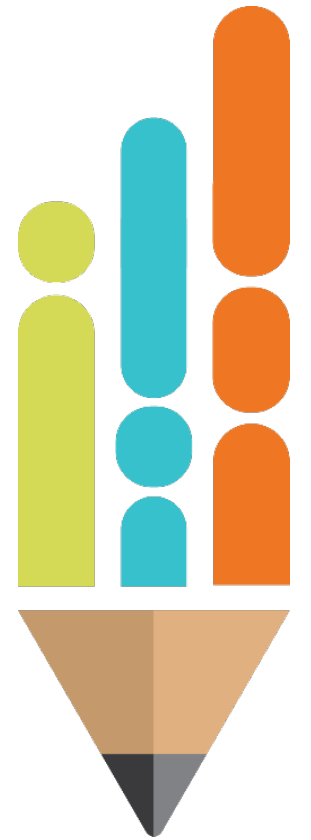
Allowable Use of Funds Part 3

- providing **store cards, prepaid debit cards, and gas cards** to purchase necessary materials and support students to participate in school activities.
 - All store cards, prepaid cards, and gas cards must be obligated by Sept. 30, 2024, and liquidated by Dec. 30, 2024.
- **updated** guidance allows for LEAs to purchase portable bedding such as air mattresses, cots, pillows, and blankets.
- purchasing an LEA Homeless Program vehicle
 - SEA pre-approval is needed
 - All spending plan narratives must contain the need and rationale for the purchase of a vehicle.
- hiring additional support staff
 - Homeless Transportation Coordinator
 - Re-engagement Specialist
 - System Navigators
 - Success Coaches



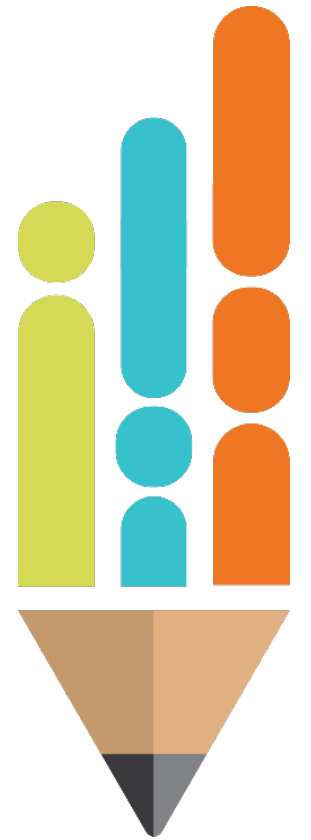
Allowable Use of Funds Part 4

- purchasing laptops before graduation
 - must be pre-approved by ED & SEA.
 - family and unaccompanied youth minor car repairs
 - case by case determination
 - pre-approval needed from ED & SEA
 - cover the cost of fees related to college administration fees and dual enrollment college classes
- ***Important:*** All ARP Homeless funds are intended for the support of the student's educational and academic needs and not to support the entire family.



Allowable Use of Funds: Pre-Approvals

- Certain purchases must be pre-approved by ED and the department. A [pre-approval request](#) must be completed for the following purchases:
 - extended hotel stays (over three-night stay)
 - minor car repairs
 - laptops for graduating students
 - vehicles
- The request must be approved by the department *before* a budget revision is submitted.



Allowable Use of Funds: Pre-Approvals

- Approvals will be issued on a case-by-case basis.
- LEAs must provide a detailed description of the proposed purchase, including the cost.
- LEAs must also provide a detailed justification as to why this purchase is necessary to directly support the educational and academic needs of the student(s).
- LEAs will receive feedback from the McKinney-Vento Grant Manager once the request has been reviewed.



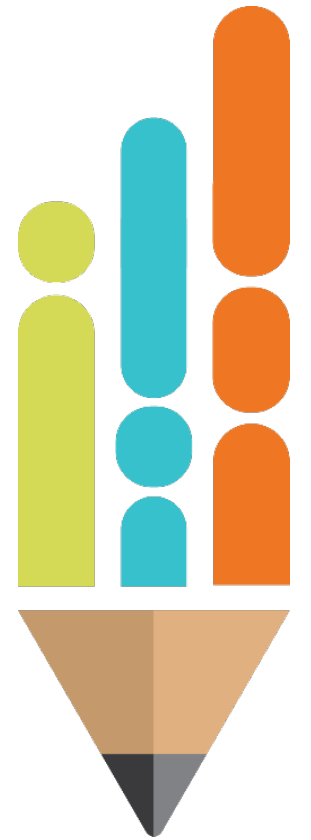
Wraparound Services - CAUTION

- **Store cards/pre-paid cards/gas cards**
- Increased opportunity for fraud; theft; misuse; difficulty with accountability
 - Consider partnerships with local vendors
 - Consider online ordering for basic needs
- The overall needs because of the pandemic have increased and evolved but consider “what works” in your process to assist students with needed resources.



Full Participation and Engagement in All School Activities

- **Full participation and engagement** is the overarching goal of all McKinney-Vento funding.
- Keep typical allowable expenses with extraordinary circumstances in mind, including:
 - salaries and benefits
 - professional services
 - other purchased services
 - general supplies
- LEAs still have a unique opportunity with this funding to impact students experiencing homelessness through long-term/high-impact strategies:
 - Approach this challenge from a position of ***advocacy***.

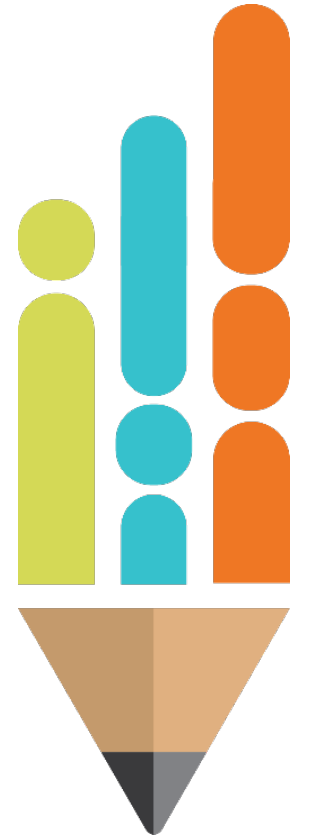


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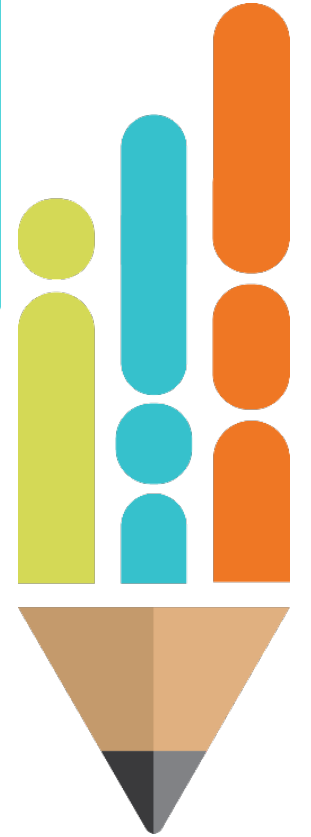


Metro Nashville Public Schools

- Outreach Team
- Community Partnership Specialist
- Professional Development Lending Library



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Contact Information

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Closing



Resources

- [U.S. Department of Education \(ED\) American Rescue Plan Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief – Homeless Children and Youth \(ARP-HCY\)](#)
- [ED Frequently Asked ARP-HCY Questions and Answers](#)
- [National Center for Homeless Education ARP Homeless](#)
- [SchoolHouse Connection ARP Homeless](#)





Resources

- [ARP Homeless 1.0 Technical Guide](#)
- [ARP Homeless 2.0 Technical Guide](#)
- [McKinney-Vento Authorized Activities](#)
- [Serving Students Experiencing Homelessness under Title I, Part A](#)



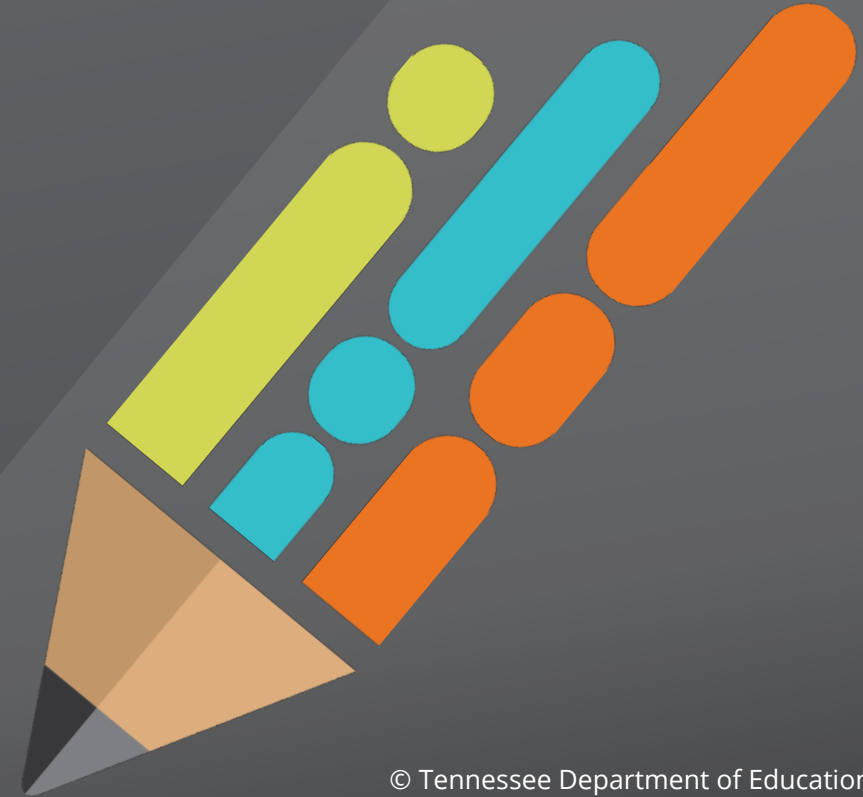


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