

# Arizona's McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Program



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# Who Is Homeless?

- Lacks a “fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence”:
  - Doubled-up (living with others due to loss of housing or economic hardship – not by choice)
  - Motels, hotels, campgrounds, trailers (lack of alternative)
  - Emergency or transitional shelters
  - Public or private place not designed for human living
  - Cars, parks, substandard housing, abandoned buildings, bus/train stations
  - Migrant children fitting the definition

# State and District Responsibilities

- States

- Appoint a State Coordinator of Homeless Education
- Remove barriers, including revising state policy/law
- Ensure compliance with Title X, Part C

- Districts

- Appoint a Local Homeless Education Liaison
- Remove barriers, including revising district policy/law
- Ensure compliance with Title X, Part C

- Supremacy Clause: U.S. Constitution, Article VI

- Federal law supersedes state and local law/policy

# Student Rights



- Immediate enrollment, even if lacking paperwork
- School selection
  - School of origin (if feasible)
  - Local school
- Transportation to/from school of origin, if requested by the parent (or, for unaccompanied youth, by the local liaison)
- Comparable services
- Prohibition of segregation
- Public posting of rights
- Free school meals (*under the Child Nutrition and WIC... Act*)
- Title I, Part A support
- Special education, where deemed necessary (*IDEA*)

# Unaccompanied Youth

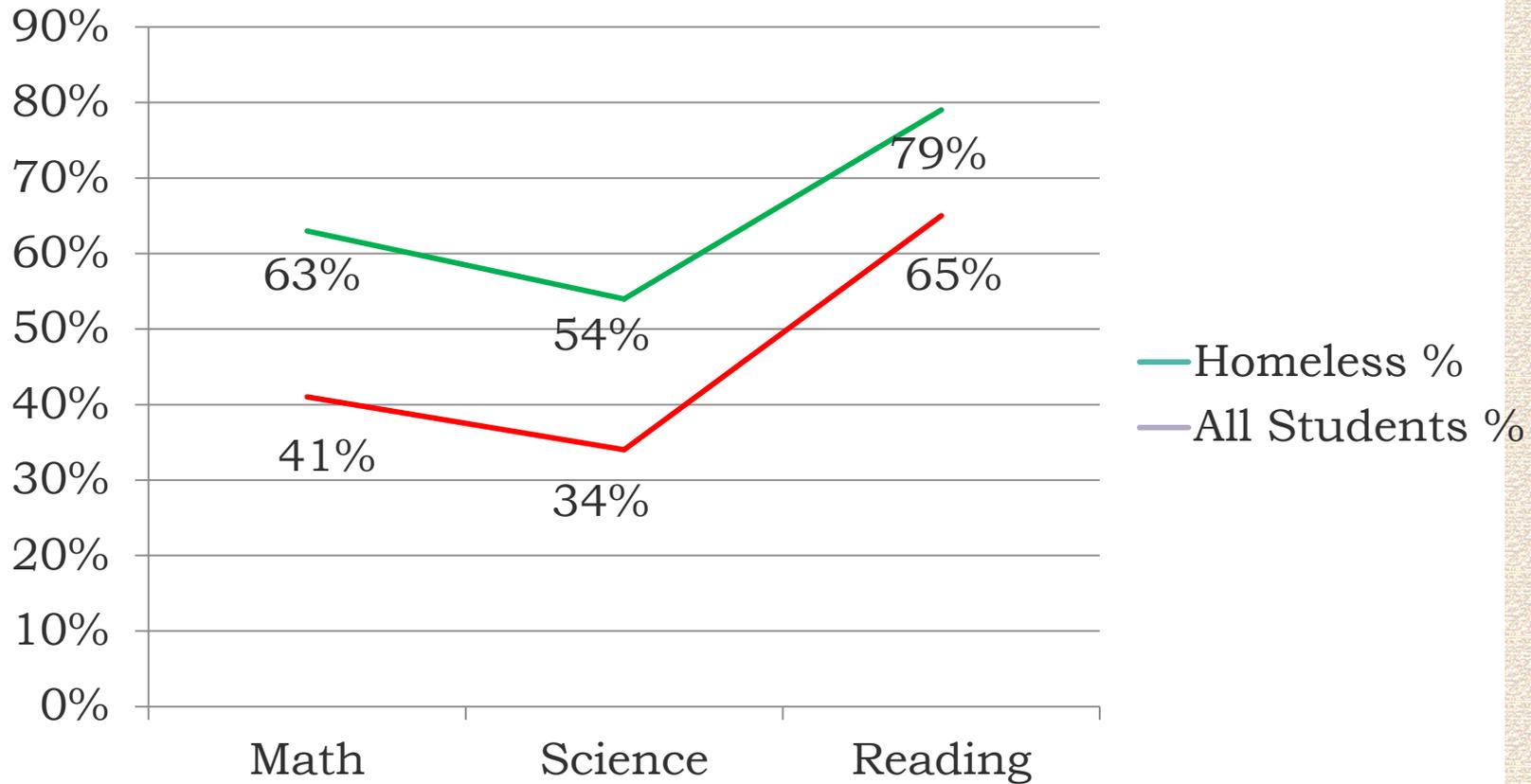
- Definition: “not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian”
- Living situation meets homeless definition
- Eligible for services under McKinney-Vento regardless of reason for separation
  - Ran away
  - Forced to leave home
- All protections and rights under the McKinney-Vento Act, including immediate enrollment, apply

# Current Data for Identified Homeless Students

- National Numbers: (2013-2014)  
1,360,747 homeless students
- Arizona Numbers: (2013-2014)  
29,763 students identified in the  
3,303 LEP (11% of Homeless)

Source: [eddataexpress.ed.gov](http://eddataexpress.ed.gov)

# Assessment Data – M&E (2013-2014)



# Homeless & ELL

## ● Immigrant Students

- Immigrating to the U.S. is full of added stressors which can lead to an initial drop in their “status” and earnings. In some cases this leads to homelessness.

## ● Refugee Students

- Provided government support for a short period of time and in some cases meet the definition of “Homeless” before becoming self-sufficient.

# Have a question? Need help?



## Arizona Local Homeless Education Liaison

To find out who the local liaison in is your district:

<http://www.azed.gov/populations-projects/home/homeless/>

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## **Web Page:**

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- Law & Guidance
- Dispute Resolution Process
- Database of Local Liaisons