

Chattooga County Schools



Evaluation of the 2020-2021 McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Grant

OVERVIEW

The McKinney-Vento Act defines and protects the rights of students in transition to enroll in, attend, and succeed in our public schools. Chattooga County Schools was approved by the State Board of Education for a grant cycle ending September 30, 2019. The Evaluation summarizes the assistance provided during the 2018-2019 grant cycle.

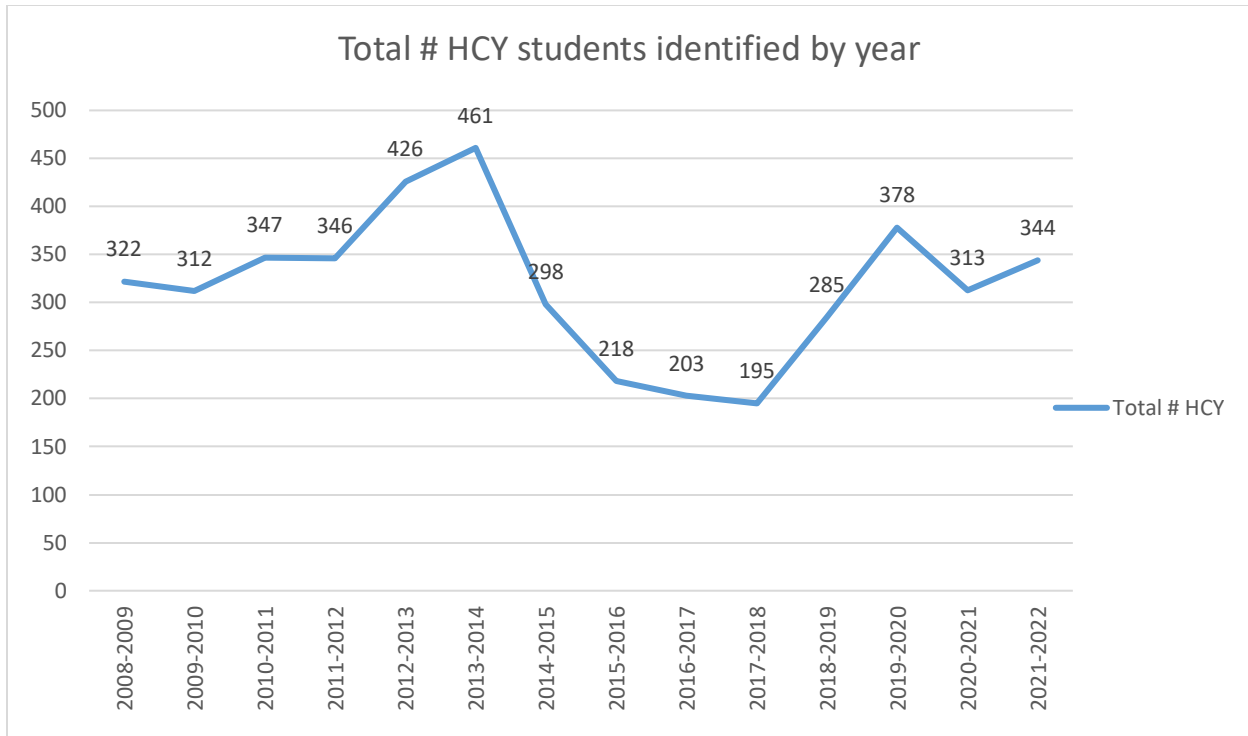
DEFINITION

The McKinney-Vento Act provides educational services to any pre-school or school-aged student who lacks a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence. The term transient includes: Children and youth who are sharing the housing of other people due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason—“doubled up” Children and youth who are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camp grounds due to the lack of alternative housing Living in emergency shelters or transitional shelters Abandoned in hospitals Awaiting foster care placement—temporary (approximately one year or less) Children and youth who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings Children and youth who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings Migratory children described in the above situations Unaccompanied youth are youth not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

CHATTOOGA COUNTY NUMBERS

HCY=Homeless Children & Youth

- 2007-2008 identified 286 HCY
- 2008-2009 identified 322 HCY
- 2009-2010 identified 312 HCY
- 2010-2011 identified 347 HCY
- 2011-2012 identified 346 HCY
- 2012-2013 identified 426 HCY
- 2013-2014 identified 461 HCY
- 2014-2015 identified 298 HCY
- 2015-2016 identified 218 HCY
- 2016-2017-identified 203 HCY
- 2017-2018-identified 195 HCY
- 2018-2019-identified 285 HCY
- 2019-2020-identified 378 HCY
- 2020-2021 313-identified HCY
- 2021-2022 344-identified HCY



EVALUATION

The distribution of school and hygiene supplies continued to be most utilized service followed by emergency school clothing. School supplies and hygiene products helped 321 HCY participate in school activities and projects. Due to COVID-19 restrictions the school system was unable to host the Back to School Bash usually held in July offering school supplies and hygiene products to transient students. There was increase in the number of transient students needing counseling services. Funds were more focused this school year on addressing the mental health needs of transient students during this pandemic.

SURVEY RESULTS

- A survey was created on Google Forms this year to survey Program Directors, Principals, Assistant Principals, School Counselors, Parent Coordinators, Bus Drivers, and Food Service. Approximately 76 individuals participated. The top five needs rated in Chattooga County were School Supplies, Hygiene Supplies, Individual Counseling, Emergency School Clothing and Medical referrals/assistance.
- A randomly selected group of 58 McKinney-Vento students completed a Student Survey to assess their own individual needs. The top five needs rated by students Individual Counseling, Tutoring, Graduation Fees, Field Trip Fees, and School Supplies.

- Community organization respondents were also asked to complete an anonymous survey. There were 21 respondents. The top five needs rated by the community were: Individual Counseling, Hygiene Products, School Supplies, Transportation and Field Trip Assistance.
- Parent Surveys are sent to every family identified by the Homeless Liaison. They are enclosed with a letter and brochure. 7 surveys were returned. The top needs identified by parents were: Individual Counseling, Tutoring, Clothing, Field Trip Assistance, and School Supplies.

ASSISTANCE

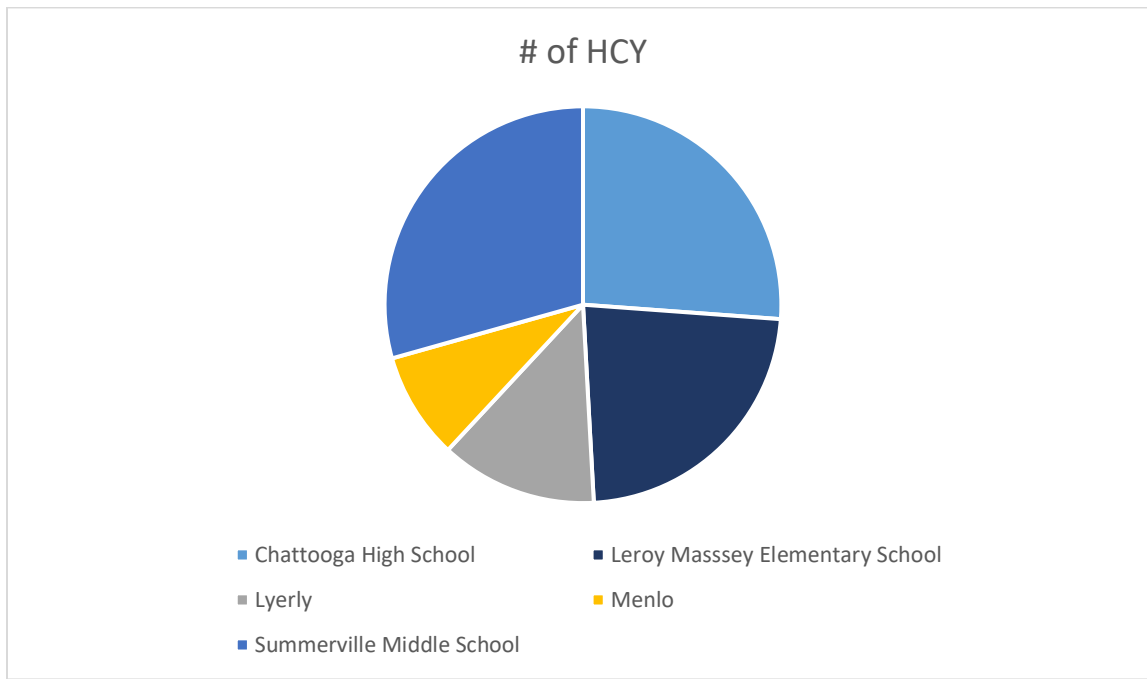
321 transient students received school supplies

280 transient students received hygiene products.

55 transient students received emergency clothing or athletic uniforms.

COUNSELING SERVICES

330 transient students received individual counseling or group counseling



School Name	Total HCY	Doubled-Up	Hotel	Shelter	Unsheltered
Chattooga High School	90	90	0	0	0
Leory Massey Elementary School	79	79	0	0	0
Lyerly	44	44	0	0	0
Menlo	30	30	0	0	0
Summerville Middle School	101	101	0	0	0
Pre-K	0	0	0	0	0
Total:	344	367	8	0	0

