



Torrance Unified School District
Student Services
~Building Bridges~
Family Engagement
Specialized Student Populations:
Youth in Foster Care or Identified as Homeless

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TUSD Building Bridges

- ★ The **identification** of homeless students in the school setting
- ★ Providing access to resources that **remove barriers** to academic success
- ★ **Partnerships** to provide services and resources to homeless students

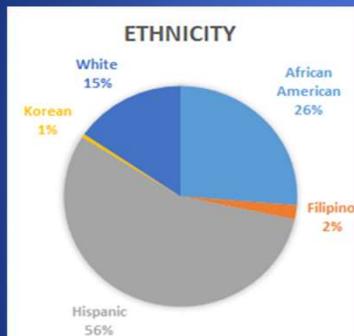
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Who We Serve: Educational Definition of Homeless

- ★ Students identified by the Student Residency Questionnaire
- ★ Students who are living in any nighttime residence that is not fixed, regular and adequate
 - Shelters, transitional housing, hotels/motels
 - Unsheltered (Car, park, etc.)
 - Inadequate housing (garage, trailer, porch, etc.)
 - Doubled up
- ★ Unaccompanied Youth
- ★ Teen Parents

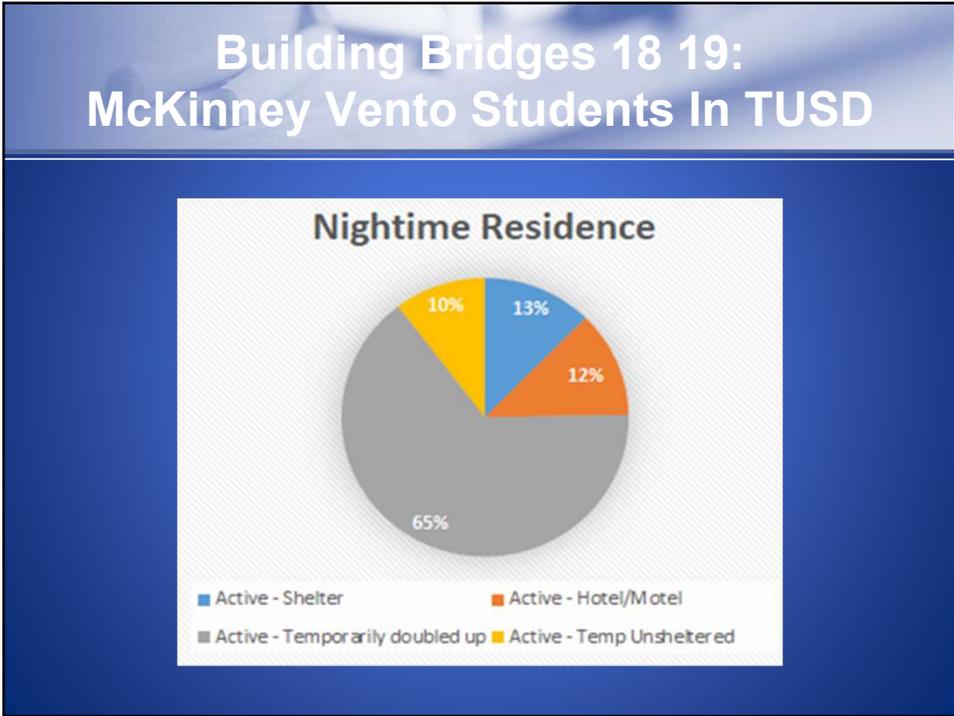
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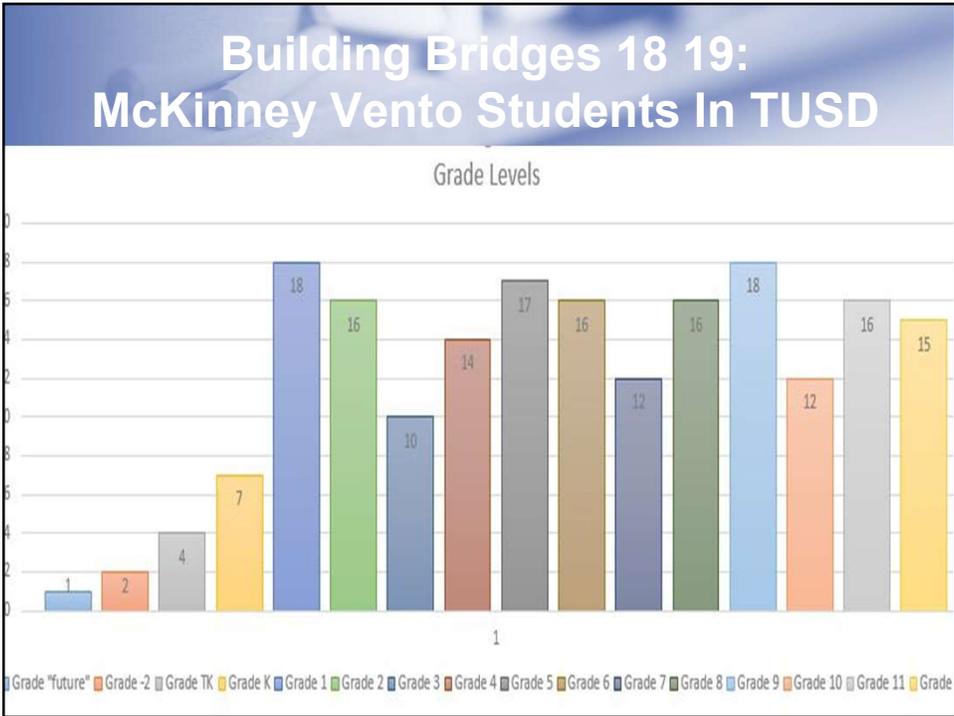


- ★ Homeless-195 *227 cumulatively served throughout year
- ★ At least a hundred of the homeless students we saw last year had at least 4 years in TUSD.
- ★ 19% special education
- ★ 3.6% unaccompanied youth

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Obstacles/Challenges

- ★ Homeless Definition not aligned
- ★ Resources
 - Funding for staff and resources
 - Limitations of housing services available for families
 - Housing costs and market in LA County

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TUSD Building Bridges: Program Services & Resources

Backpacks/ School Supplies/ Hygiene Kits

Case Consultation

Technical Assistance

Dispute Resolution

Advocacy/ Enrollment Assistance

Transportation

Training/ Workshops/ Presentations

Resource Referrals

Clothing Assistance

TUSD FAMILIES CONNECTED

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Program Highlights

- ★ Back to School, Holiday Events, Food giveaways, Project HOPE, RR
- ★ California Department of Education Grant for Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) 2018-2021
 - Allowed expansion of intern program
 - Hiring of BB Case Manager
- ★ Interns:
 - 2 calswec (foster interns)
 - 1 adult intern (to work with parents)
- ★ Parenting classes being hosted at school sites at the request of administrators
- ★ Building Bridges Collaborative- expanding partnership(MOU's)




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