

IN FOCUS: Supporting MKV Students

Monthly Data, Updates, and Key Considerations

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Welcome to the second week of April! Indiana weather is living up to its reputation -- 70s and close to 80 one day, then cold and windy in the 30s and 40s the next. Some nicer days are ahead, so get outside when you can. As they say, April showers bring May flowers.

This is Volume 2 of the refreshed edition of IN FOCUS: Supporting MKV Students. Since Volume 1 went out at the end of March, the data hasn't changed significantly, but I want to get into a rhythm of sending this during the first week of each month.

I'm excited to continue sharing this refreshed look at our MKV work as we dig into school data and build on our understanding of what's happening regionally and nationally. This monthly communication reflects ongoing efforts to strengthen our MKV systems and improve how data, updates, and important information are shared.

As always, I welcome any and all feedback. If you know of an MKV family or student you'd like to highlight, whether it's a success worth celebrating or a need worth noting, please reach out. As we move toward the end of the school year and begin planning for next year, those stories and insights matter.



THE STORY BEHIND THE *Numbers*

McKinney-Vento: By the Numbers

WHERE WE ARE...

Housing instability at KIPP Indianapolis *School Year 2025/26 — as of April 9, 2026*

These numbers reflect a point-in-time snapshot of student housing instability across KIPP Indianapolis. Because enrollment, eligibility, and family living situations can change throughout the school year, these numbers remain fluid.

Total MKV Eligible

168 Total identified SY 2526

141 Currently Active
(10.8% of KIPP Indy student population)

22 Withdrawn

Enrollment by Campus

Unite K-2 (33 students)
Unite 3-5 (33 students)
KICP 6-8 (32 students)

MKV Eligible Students and ADA **Eligible Enrollment by Campus**

The first thing these numbers show is scope. Housing instability is touching every grade band at KIPP Indy. That mirrors the national picture. Public schools across the country identified more than 1.37 million students experiencing homelessness in the 2022–23 school year. Here at KIPP Indy, this work is showing up across all four schools, and in many cases across entire families with siblings enrolled across KIPP Indy schools.

Attendance

MKV attendance is stable and above goal. The week-over-week change is essentially flat — rate held (87.2% → 87.3%). Nothing alarming is happening at the district level.

KICP is still the one to watch. Every other campus is at or above goal. KICP at 85.3% is the only exception and has been consistently flagged. That's where attention belongs.

MKV attendance district-wide is at 87.3%, holding above the 86.5% goal. This

Legacy HS 9-12 (43 students)

Average Daily Attendance (ADA)

Current Status: MKV (169) students at 87.2% exceeding the 86.5% goal. Non-MKV 90.8%

ADA by Campus:

Unite K-2 (87.4%), Non-MKV students 92.1%

Unite 3-5 (89.0%), Non-MKV students 91.8%

KICP (85.3%), Non-MKV students 90.5%

Legacy (87.1%), Non-MKV students 88.5%

week's data reflects a cleaner pull — the null category that appeared last week has resolved, accounting for the shift in student count. Rates are stable across campuses, with KICP at 85.4% continuing to be an area of close monitoring.

The gap between MKV and non-MKV students remains consistent across all four campuses, reinforcing why targeted support for this population matters.

Class of 2026-The Final Push



Prom is tomorrow, Saturday, April 11, 2026

Decision Day is Monday, May 11, 2026

**Senior Breakfast and Graduation Rehearsal Friday,
May 15, 2026**

Graduation is Friday, May 22, 2026.

25 DAYS...That's it!!!

This year's MKV senior class has done a lot more than survive. Some of them have gone to New York. They've visited various college campuses. They've played sports, joined clubs, showed up for homecoming and prom, sat for the SAT and ACT, and are crossing the finish line with plans in hand.

On Decision Day, these students will reveal their postsecondary decisions to the whole school at a pep rally. Whether they are heading to a four-year university, a community college, a trade program, the military, or straight into the workforce, every single path is a plan and every single plan is worth celebrating.

Kenysha Avant • De'Mario Claborn • Prince Davis • Dazlyn De La Rosa • Kamyia Diaz • Denise Dodd • Aaliyah Fleurimond • Aaliyah Garrett • Jeremiah Kimes • Ethan Owens • Diamon Reed • Jared Robinson • Kyndall Rush • Diane Uwase • Jamari Williams

These are real kids who have navigated real instability and kept going. The last 25 days matter.

Here is what they need from all of us:

If they are absent, make personal contact, not just a robo-call. Someone who knows them should reach out.

Celebrate them visibly. They need to see that the adults in the building know their names and are watching them cross this finish line.

If something feels off — disengagement, stress, anything, reach out to me directly. We still have time to help.

What Happens After a Referral

What Happens After a Referral Eligibility, Continuity, and Portability

REFERRALS

Last month we walked through the full referral and eligibility process step by step. As we close out the year, here are a few things worth revisiting and keeping top of mind.

The Eligibility Determination Process

Once you refer a student/family to me, here is what happens next:

- I reach out to the family directly through ParentSquare and by phone to learn more about their current living situation
- I send the Housing Questionnaire through ParentSquare. This is the only way it can be completed, so if you are working with a family who may not have the app set up, please help them get access before or at the time of the referral
- Once the questionnaire comes back, I review the responses and make the eligibility determination from there

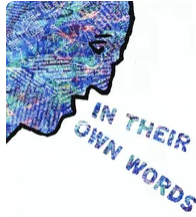
The most important thing staff can do is make the referral early and help families stay connected to ParentSquare. Everything else flows from there.

A few things worth knowing as we close out the year:

- Eligibility stays in place through the last day of school, even if a family's housing situation improves before then
- If a student withdraws and re-enrolls at KIPP Indy this year, their eligibility follows them. The process does not start over
- If a student transfers to another school or even another state, their documentation can help the new school identify and support them faster — if you know a student is transferring out, please let me know so I can support that handoff

- If a family moves and school placement comes into question, federal law presumes the student stays in their school of origin. The family does not have to justify staying, and the burden is on the school to show why a change would be better. That conversation happens between me and the family, so loop me in early if you know a family may withdraw.

When in doubt, refer. Do not wait. The sooner a referral comes in, the sooner we can get supports in place. I would rather have a conversation that turns out to be unnecessary than have a student go without services they are entitled to.



Four Stories. One Reality.

Housing instability doesn't always look the way people expect. It looks like families crowded into motel rooms along the highway, then losing even that and moving into cars. A father working 16-hour days with his daughter beside him because there was nowhere else for her to go. A mother lying awake every night wondering what happens next week, next weekend, two days from now.

Nobody chooses this. These four videos offer a closer look at what the families we serve are actually living through.

Hard Times Generation: Families Living in Motels www.youtube.com/watch?v=DJMAUQstY6M

Hard Times Generation: Families Living in Cars
www.youtube.com/shorts/T8n9f4C6oBs

This Single Father's Struggle for Housing
www.youtube.com/watch?v=L2hzRPLVSm4

Parenting Through Homelessness
www.youtube.com/watch?v=jJ61k_vnEc

If you have a student who wants to share their own story — a poem, a

Stay Connected

See Me, Email Me, Text Me, Calendly Me

Email is the best way to reach me and usually the fastest place to start.

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Staff are always welcome to stop by my space at Legacy in the Regional Office or catch me at the K-8 building on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons in the Family Center.

For a more intentional check-in, my Calendly link can be used to schedule a brief meeting via teams or in-person. **Calendly - Dana Muldrow** to make an appointment

I look forward to connecting with you to continue to support our MKV students.

reflection, or a piece of writing they are proud of — this section is theirs.

McKinney-Vento Student Lists