

Reopening Best Practices to Support Students Experiencing Homelessness

SCHOOL LEADER GUIDE

For all students to be successful, it is essential that we remove barriers to learning for our most vulnerable students, including those experiencing homelessness. Follow the steps below to ensure equitable access for our precariously housed students:

- **List of Students Experiencing Homelessness:** Use your list of students experiencing homelessness as a starting point. School leaders and [school homeless liaisons](#) have access to their school's list in Aspen SIS.
 - To add or remove a student from your list, please contact Brian Marques (bmarques@bostonpublicschools.org)
- **Tech & Wellness Check:**
 - By September 30, make sure all families experiencing homelessness have access to a chromebook, reliable [internet](#) (see Comcast Internet Essentials through BPS), and necessary support services.
 - [Comcast Internet Essentials Fliers](#) (English and Spanish)
 - [Hotspots/Chromebooks](#) are available for students experiencing homelessness. Contact: bmarques@bostonpublicschools.org
 - [Chromebook Delivery](#): Families experiencing homelessness may have difficulty picking up their chromebook from the school. It is recommended that you utilize school staff to hand-deliver laptops to these students.
 - [Out-of-District Delivery](#): Brian Marques (bmarques@bostonpublicschools.org) can assist with delivery if you have a student displaced outside of the district.
 - [In-Person Priority](#): Make sure families know that they can opt-in to the first phase of "In-Person Priority" reopening (formerly called Group C) starting October 1.
 - You can also use this [guide](#) to help navigate to students' learning model selections.
- **Transportation for Out-of-District Students Experiencing Homelessness:**
 - [Students who you know need transportation](#): Contact Kristin Dearden (kdearden@bostonpublicschools.org) to make sure they're on her list to assign an out-of-district ride.
 - [Students who did not make a learning model selection](#): Confirm whether the student will opt-in to hybrid learning for the High In-Person Priority reopening (Oct. 1) during the Tech & Wellness Check. Contact Kristin Dearden and ensure this information gets entered into Aspen SIS.
- **Student Success Plans Using Panorama:**
 - Starting with documenting the Tech & Wellness Check as a support note, all schools should consider the needs of students experiencing homelessness when developing [Student Success Plans in Panorama](#).

Contact Brian Marques (bmarques@bostonpublicschools.org) for any support needs, including consultation, resources, service referrals, and case management.