

Homeless Education Services Program Planning Calendar 2026-27

Use of this planning calendar is strictly optional. This calendar is a tool for organizing the year around homeless liaison duties. Please feel free to take it and make it your own or use it as it is.

MONTH	FOCUS & ACTIVITIES	Your Planning
July	• <i>School Preparation – school supplies & planning</i> • Ensure you requested needed supplies from Stuff the Bus! • Ensure a housing questionnaire is included in the school enrollment process, including via online registration • Work on yearly plan	
August	• <i>School Enrollment & Identification</i> • Ensure local liaison info is up to date on awareness materials and LEA and school websites. • Ensure “You Can Enroll in School” Posters are up at all schools sites and other prominent places. • Review Housing Questionnaires and make follow-up calls to students flagged for MV eligibility if more information is needed.	
September	• <i>Professional Development</i> • Provide or make available homeless education training for all LEA, charter, and school site local liaisons and other relevant LEA and school staff, such as registrars, teachers, and school counselors. • SDCOE Educating Students Experiencing Homelessness: MV 101 Webinar – Sept. 18, 9 – 11am • Preview webinar offerings from the HETAC and CDE at www.hetac.org • Annual 2024-25 end of the year data due to SDCOE.	
October	• <i>FAFSA & Unaccompanied Youth</i> • Plan for Homeless Youth Awareness month with the HETAC toolkit • Review Unaccompanied Youth eligible for independent status on the FAFSA; prepare verifications; assist students.	

November	• <i>Homeless Youth Awareness Month</i> • Share information and participate in your HYAM awareness activities • NAEHYC conference in Nashville - Oct. 31 - Nov. 3, 2026	
December/ January	• <i>Winter Break & Mid Year Refresh</i> • Send the housing questionnaire home with all students, reminding families to update their emergency contact information and address and inform the school if their housing situation has changed.	
February	• <i>Scholarship Season</i> • Include a housing questionnaire and homeless education information as part of the enrollment process for Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten. • Provide or make available another homeless education training for all site liaisons and other relevant LEA and school staff to refresh understanding and ensure that new staff are trained. Consider how to support seniors with senior activities	
March	• <i>Summer School Opportunities</i> • FAFSA Completion (maybe delayed) • CA Statewide Homeless Education Conference - Dates TBD	
April	• Review homeless education data in CALPADS for the current school year, compare current and previous year data, and reach out to schools with low McKinney-Vento identification numbers. • Check in with Seniors on post-graduation plans.	
May	• <i>Graduation Celebrations/Scholarships</i> • CARS Data Collection • End of the Year/Summer Letter to MV families to remind them of whom to contact next year if they need assistance or are transitioning schools. • Share information with families about summer resources, including free meals	
June	• <i>Planning for next year</i> • Notify CDE and SDCOE of any upcoming liaison changes • Fill out your SDCOE Stuff the Bus survey	