

SD61 CYIC Standard of Practice

The Greater Victoria School District's *Children and Youth in Care (CYIC) Standard of Practice* aligns with the *Joint Educational Planning and Support for Children and Youth in Care - Cross Ministry Guidelines*, co-created by MCFD & MoE. This resource emphasizes the shared responsibility of both ministries to collaborate in supporting students identified as CYIC through coordinated planning and communication. The intention of the *Standard of Practice* is to provide a structured framework that strengthens collaboration, promotes consistency, and fosters a sense of belonging; these principles are key to improving educational outcomes and supporting the social emotional well-being of all CYIC students.

SD61 CYIC Standard of Practice *Implement the following for each CYIC student:*

1. **Designate a Point Person:** Assign a key contact, responsible for ensuring that the standard of practice is implemented.
2. **Collaborative Team Approach:** With the student at the center, consult and collaborate as a team: point person, along with the appropriate team members (i.e. teacher, social worker, counsellor, Indigenous representative(s), caregiver, etc.) to create a plan that will support:
 - building meaningful connections and relationships with each CYIC student;
 - coordinating communication between all team members;
 - collaborating to develop a personalized Supporting Success in School Plan (SSSP) to foster school engagement, a sense of connection and belonging, and social-emotional learning, including identity, culture and wellness.
3. **SSSP Review and Updates:** Upload the SSSP by the first reporting period, and review it as a team at each subsequent reporting period. The Point Person coordinates and communicates with team members as needed.
4. **Submit CYIC student data** for each of the reporting periods by posted deadlines.

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