



# Homeless Education Services Program Updates

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# Agenda

- **Students Experiencing Homelessness: Qualifications and Rights**
- **Identification, Attendance and Graduation Rates**
- **Immunizations**
- **Actions**
- **Next Steps**

# SCUSD CORE VALUE AND GUIDING PRINCIPLE

## CORE VALUE

We **recognize that our system is inequitable by design** and we vigilantly work to confront and **interrupt inequities** that exist to level the playing field and **provide opportunities** for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

## This Northern California city now has more unsheltered homeless people than San Francisco



A city-sanctioned safe sleeping site on Fulton Street between Hyde and Larkin Streets in San Francisco in 2020. San Francisco has more resources than Sacramento to cope with its homeless crisis.

**1285** people  
in families  
with children  
in Sacramento  
County







# The View From Here...



# Team Photo

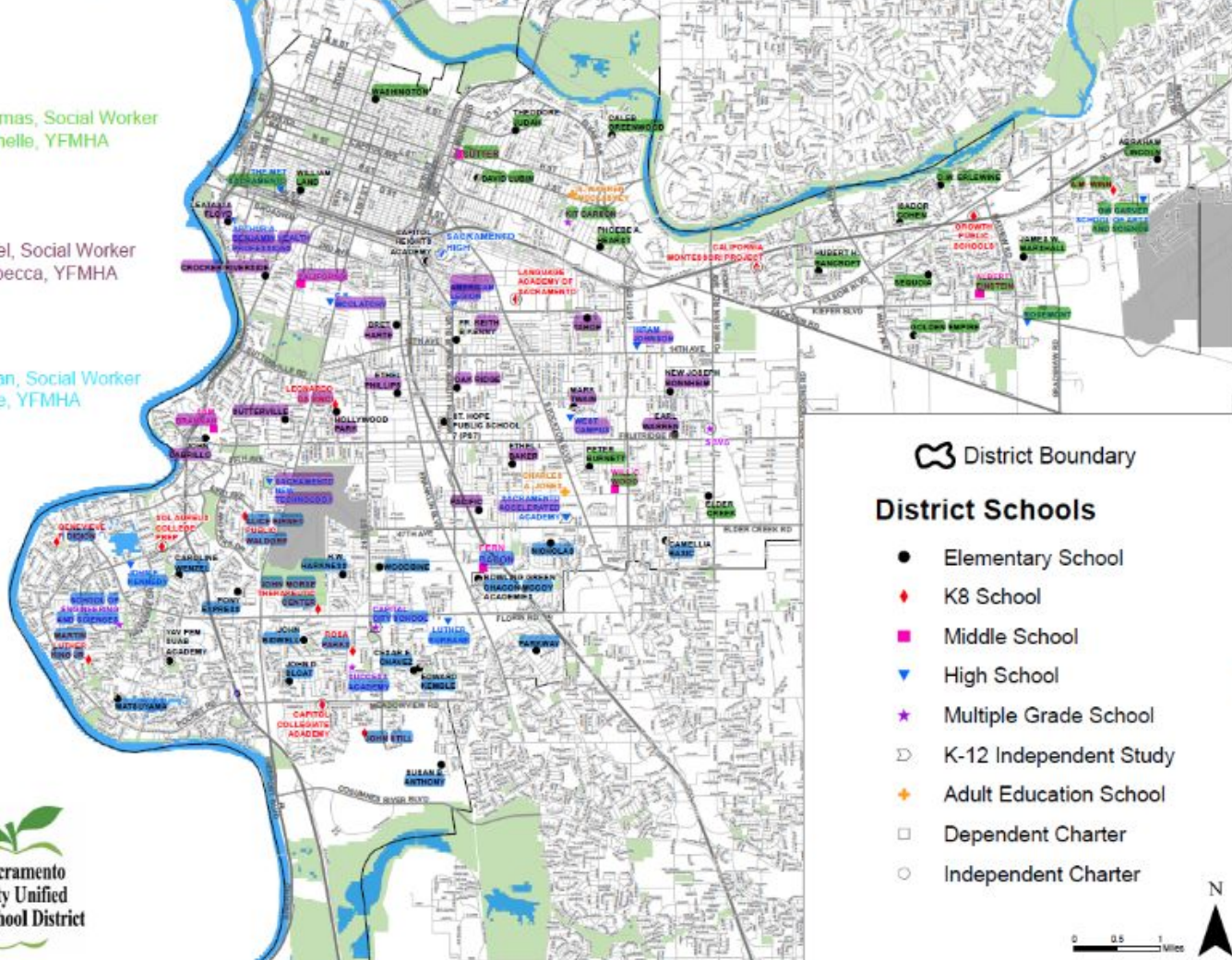



- **1 coordinator**
- **3 social workers**
- **3 advocates**
- **1 clerk**

Thomas, Social Worker  
Michelle, YFMHA

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 District Boundary

### District Schools

- Elementary School
- ◆ K8 School
- Middle School
- ▼ High School
- ★ Multiple Grade School
- K-12 Independent Study
- ◊ Adult Education School
- Dependent Charter
- Independent Charter





# Who qualifies as homeless:

**McKinney Vento Homeless Assistance Act CA defines homelessness as children and youth as individuals who:**

- **Lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.**
- **Share housing due to economic hardship**
- **Reside in:**
  - Hotels motels, trailer parks, shelters
  - private or public places not designed for human habitation
  - Cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned building, substandard housing, train stations or similar settings
- **Unaccompanied Youth**

# Rights Guaranteed Under McKinney Vento:

- **Immediate enrollment**
- **School consistency**
- **Transportation Assistance**
- **AB 1806: reduced credits requirements**
- **Priority enrollment in summer/after school**

# Immunizations

- **Federal law supersedes state law.**
- To the extent the 30-day period or obtaining immunizations within such a timeframe is a barrier to homeless students, LEAs must review and revise such barriers. 42 USC 11431(2).
- **LEA's can not deny enrollment or prevent a student from attending due to lack of immunizations.**
- **There is no time frame for students to get immunized.**
- **Vast majority of unhoused students have been in school before and have their immunizations.**

# Core Focus Areas

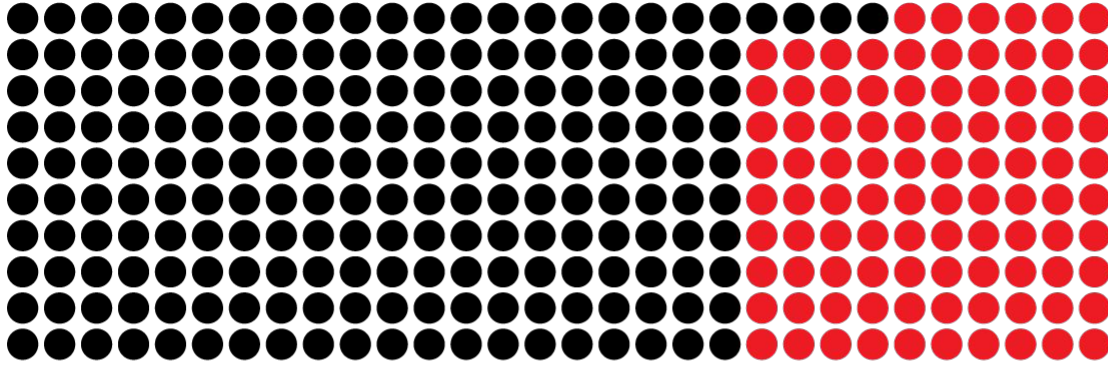


**Outreach & Identification**

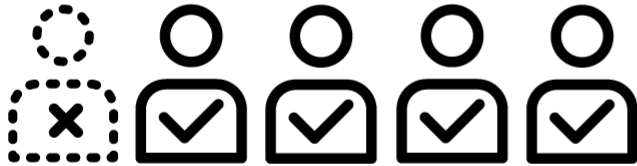
**Provide  
Concrete  
Support to  
Students &  
Families in  
Crisis**



## 3,100 unhoused students in SCUSD



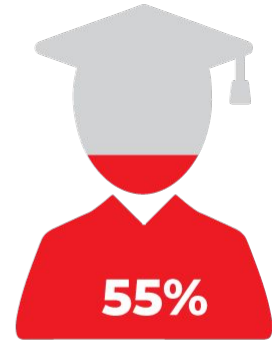
We've identified **1,110**



**19.3%** of students in SCUSD are chronically absent.

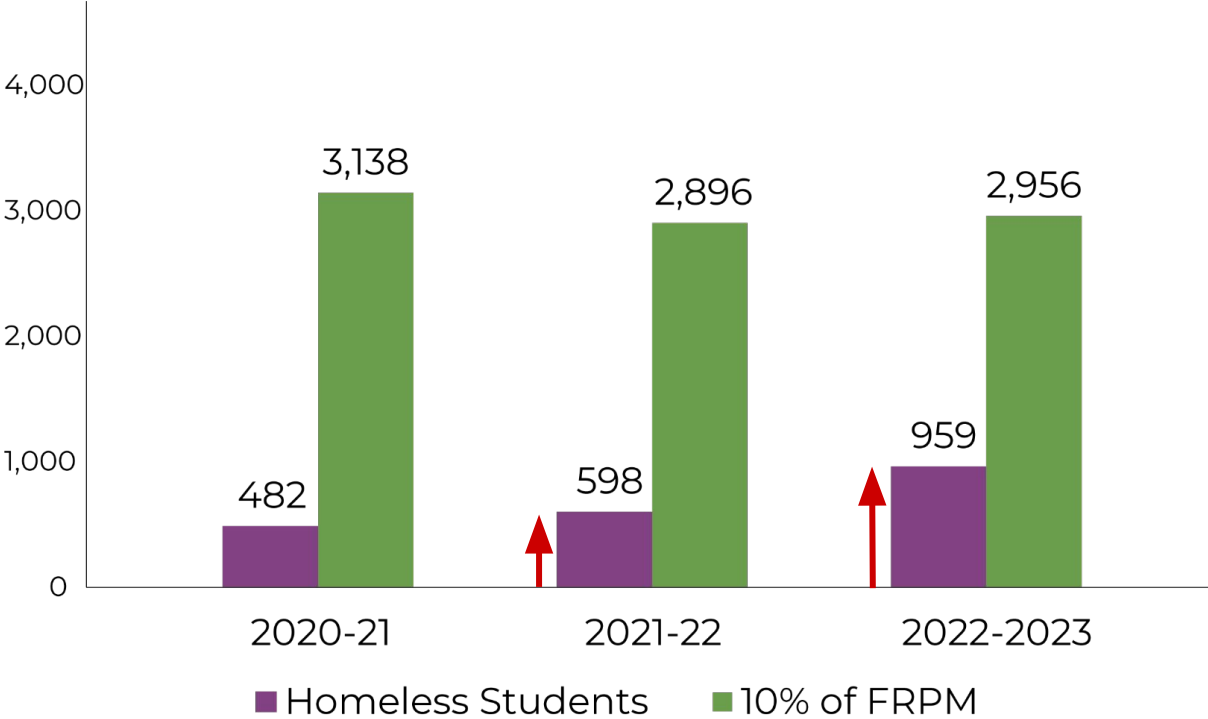


**70%** of homeless student are chronically absent.



**85%** of students graduate high school.  
**55%** of homeless student graduate high school.

# Homeless Students Report vs 10% for Free and Reduced Price Lunch Population: 2018 - 2023



# Homeless Educational Services Team: Hub of Services and Support

## Community Outreach and Advocacy

### Sac City Unified's 'Hygiene Drive' for Unhoused Students

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The Sacramento City Unified School District is running a new kind of collection effort to help local unhoused students and families. The district is conducting a "hygiene drive" from now through Dec. 22, and is accepting donations of items like shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste, socks, diapers, pads, tampons and more. Ashley Powers Clark, [Homeless Education Services Program Coordinator for SCUSD](#), joins Insight to shed more light on the initiative, and how these resources can be critical to those in need throughout the district.

*Donations can be dropped off at the Serna Center at 5735 47th Ave. in the blue bin by the front desk in the lobby between normal business hours. More information about the district's Homeless Education Services is available by calling (916)643-2450 or emailing [Homeless-services@scusd.edu](mailto:Homeless-services@scusd.edu).*



# Food Access Center

COMING SOON!



**SCUSD  
Facilities**





## Basic Needs and Crisis Response



**Growing Past  
Today**



# Homeless Education Services Team

**We are a hub of services and programs for unhoused children and families in SCUSD.**

- **School enrollment support**
- **Bus passes**
- **Case management**
- **Food Access Center and Basic Needs Programs**
  - Food deliveries
- **Connections to housing resources and support providers**

# We need you!

- **Compassionate dialogue: Identifying homeless families**
- **Advocacy!!!**
- **Assistance with connecting families to immunization clinic and other resources.**
- **Spread the word.**

# Donations Accepted!

## NEW

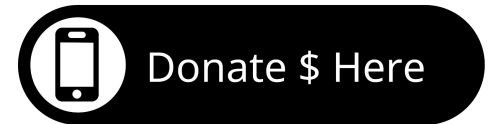
- Clothing
- Socks
- Shoes
- Underwear

## Hygiene Items

- Laundry soap
- Toothbrush/ paste
- Diapers
- Shampoo
- Deodorant



**Enrollment Center - Room 23**  
**Mon.-Fri. - 7:00am-5:00pm**  
**Intradistrict mail**





# Questions