

SUPPORTING STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

In 2021, the Washington State Legislature expanded the pilot program first established by 2SSB 5800 by passing SHB 1166. The expanded pilot directs the State Board of Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC) to select eight college districts with no less than four located outside of the Puget Sound region to provide certain accommodations to students experiencing homelessness and who were in foster care at the time of graduation from high school. The accommodations offered to eligible students may include, but are not limited to, access to: laundry facilities; secure storage, locker room and shower facilities; reduced-priced meals or meal plan, and food bank, technology, short-term housing or housing assistance, especially during breaks; and case management services.

The colleges participating in the pilot program must contribute to a joint report facilitated by SBCTC to the appropriate committees of the Legislature by December 1, 2023. The report must address certain information on students experiencing homelessness or food insecurity, including:

- the total number of program-eligible students attending during the pilot program;
- the number of program-eligible students assisted by the pilot program;
- strategies for accommodating students experiencing homelessness and former foster care students;
- and legislative recommendations for how students experiencing homelessness and former foster care students could be better served.

The pilot program expires July 1, 2024.

New Instructions (effective Summer 2021)

Legacy Coding

Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness Pilot students are identified through the Unusual Action code. You must first add the new unusual action code to the Unusual Action Code table in SMS (SM5021). Use unusual-action value "H!".

NOTE: The students will need to be coded with the Unusual Action code each quarter they receive services. The Unusual Action code should be quarter specific. The student should not be coded for the pilot when they are no longer receiving services from the pilot. The quarterly records for these Unusual Action Codes do not need to be removed once coded, as they are quarter specific.

PeopleSoft Coding

Supporting Students Experiencing Homelessness Pilot students are identified through the Student Group code of “SSEH”.

NOTE: Student Groups are not associated with a specific YRQ, so you will need to deactivate students once they are no longer receiving services. When you deactivate a student, make sure you do so in the quarter in which they should no longer count. This is because we use the most recent effective date when pulling the data for the Data Warehouse.

Implementation and Timelines

This new coding will be implemented summer quarter 2021.



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