

Title: Modification to the Homeless Student code set to satisfy the Homeless Children's Initiative Program federal reporting requirements

Purpose of collection: In order to satisfy federal reporting requirements, PDE seeks to modify the existing Homeless Student code set to align directly with federal reporting requirements.

Burden to LEA/School Entity: LEAs submitting these data should have this information contained in their local Student Information System since they are already reporting Homeless data into PIMS. Therefore, the requested change should pose a minimal impact to these institutions.

Rationale: This change is necessary to satisfy Consolidated State Performance Report (CSPR) and EdFacts reporting requirements to the Federal government.

Currently PIMS collects these data in five distinct categories: Shelter; Transitional Housing; Awaiting Foster Care Placement; Doubled-up; and Unsheltered.

The CSPR and EdFacts reporting requirements state that homeless students need to be reported in four distinct categories: Shelter, transitional housing, awaiting foster care; Doubled-up; Unsheltered; and Hotels/Motels.

When collected: PIMS October Collection for SY 2009-10

New data elements to be collected (related to PIMS Template): The existing Homeless code set will be modified to be as follows:

- S – Shelter, transitional housing, awaiting foster care
- D – Doubled-up (e.g., living with another family)
- U – Unsheltered (e.g., cars, parks, campgrounds, temporary trailer, or abandoned buildings)
- H – Hotels/Motels

These data will be collected in Field #111 – Homeless on the Student and Student Snapshot templates.

Interested persons are invited to submit comments to RA-PIMSComment@state.pa.us on or before August 4, 2009