

Youth Services Navigation Project

HOPE is a joint effort of the San Diego County Office of Education (SDCOE), Foster Youth and Homeless Education Services and the San Diego Unified School District. The effort is partially funded through a HUD grant from the Regional Task Force on the Homeless San Diego.

SDCOE Educational Liaison/Youth Service Navigator is out stationed and co-located with the school district. The Navigator serves as subject matter expert in homeless education related matters and receives referrals for education and navigation services for students identified as unaccompanied homeless youth.

HOPE seeks to bridge the gap between education and service provider systems. HOPE will connect youth to safe, stable and inclusive supports and services by connecting to cooperative partners across the county. The programs' purpose is to **help identify the basic, housing & educational needs of unaccompanied youth experiencing homelessness** to increase stability, and support school districts in meeting the needs of unaccompanied homeless students. The Educational Liaison will provide students with the following academic support, services and resources:

- Cross system referrals to housing, mental health and basic needs supports.
- Assist with enrollment, placement issues, discipline, and special education.
- Consultation regarding school records and conduct transcript reviews
- Ensure compliance with McKinney Vento mandates
- Facilitate collaboration between service providers and school district personnel
- Support with post-graduation pathways and supports.

Our goals are that young people referred will...

1. Receive the community supports they need;
2. Earn a high school diploma or equivalent;
3. Leave high school with a post-graduation pathway.
4. Have at least one supportive connection with a caring adult.



TARGET POPULATION:

Educational Liaison will provide services to unaccompanied homeless youth age 14-24, including middle/high school, post-secondary students, and those not currently connected to education.

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