



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads
Route To: District Homeless Liaisons, District Registrars, Building Principals, Business Administrators, Directors of Special Education Services
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Education for Homeless Children and Youth Statewide Case Management System

The New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) is launching the statewide Homeless Case Management System (HCMS). The system is designed to assist local educational agencies (LEAs) in gathering, reporting, and analyzing high-quality data. By utilizing this data, district homeless liaisons (DHLs) can more effectively plan, target, and scale interventions tailored to meet the needs of students experiencing homelessness, ensuring that the state's most vulnerable youth receive the services needed to support their education.

The HCMS has been in pilot mode since October 2024. During this time, NJDOE's four regional grantees, along with 35 selected LEAs across the state, have been testing the system and meeting weekly with the Education for Homeless Children and Youth (EHCY) state coordinator to refine functionality and ensure the platform effectively supports timely identification, service coordination, and outcome tracking for students experiencing homelessness.

On March 26, 2026, HCMS access will be provided to all LEAs across the state. Details on accessing HCMS will be communicated to [DHLs](#) no later than March 26, 2026. To ensure access and receipt of communication, LEAs should update DHL contact information through the LEA's [NJDOE Homeroom Administrator](#). Resources, including the [HCMS Data Manual](#) and a brief [training video](#), are available to help DHLs navigate the system effectively. In addition, technical assistance during weekly office hours will continue to support DHLs as they learn to implement the system. Beginning April 1, 2026, DHLs are encouraged to join these one-hour sessions on Wednesdays from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. [Click here to join the meeting](#) or call (908) 409-1022, phone conference ID: 559 288 757#.

Thank you for your continued support in serving students and their families who are experiencing homelessness.

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