

Entering Homeless Information in SIRS

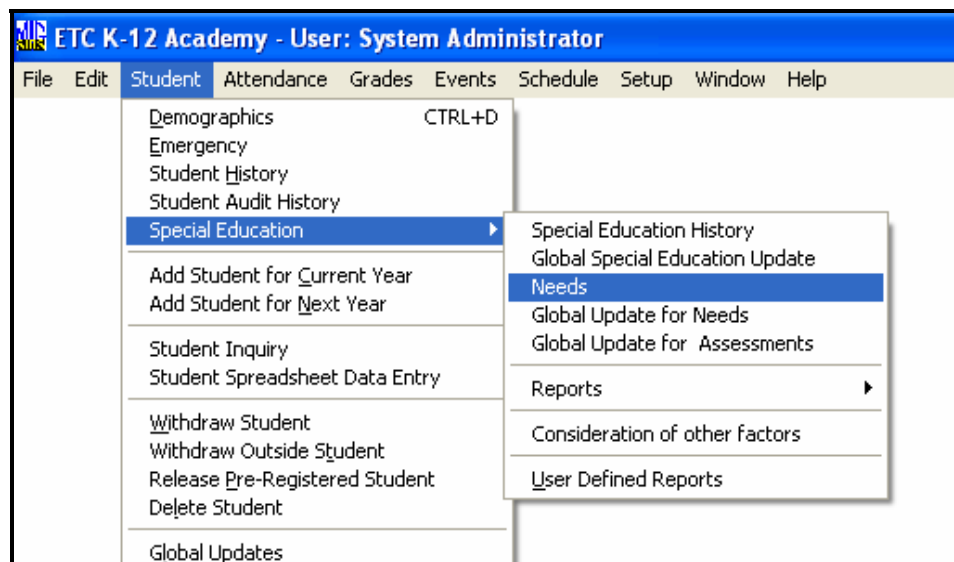
Homeless students are defined as “Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence and include:

- Children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement;
- Children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings;
- Children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- Migratory children who qualify as homeless because the children are living in the circumstances described above. “

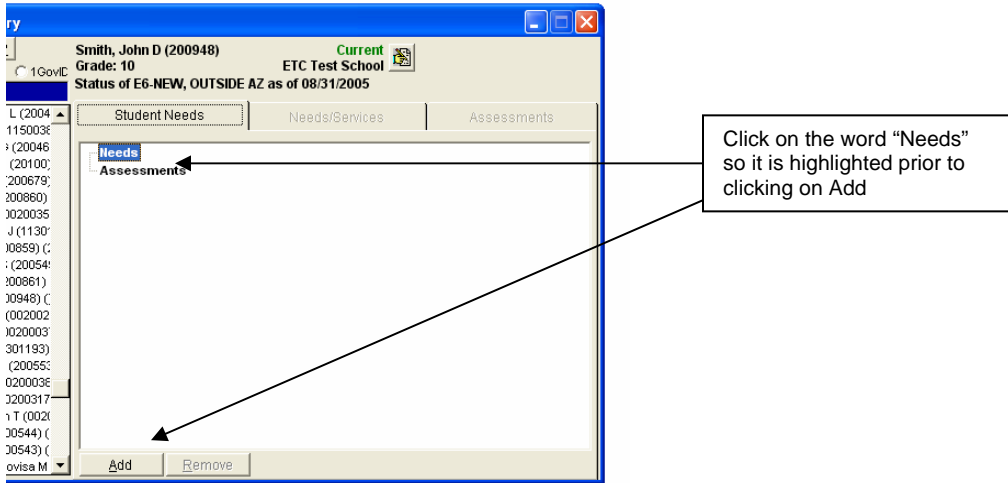
Funding for Homeless support programs comes from Title 1 funds. Typically, if a student is identified as Homeless and the school receives Title 1 funds, the student should also have Title 1 Needs and Services.

The same area is used for entry of SPED, ELL and other Needs information. Be careful not to modify existing data.

Access the Needs area from the Student Menu under Student/Special Education/Needs or by clicking the Needs button on the Government tab of the Student Demographics screen.

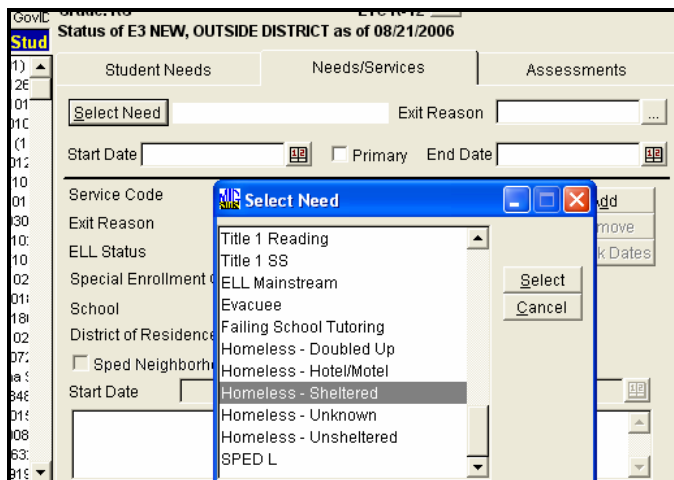


Select the student, click on the word Needs, and then click the Add button.



Click on "Select Need" to select the **Homeless** need for the student. Select the Homeless need based on the Primary Night-time Residence at the time the student was identified as Homeless. The need does not have to be changed if the Primary Night-time Residence changes.

- Homeless – Sheltered if the student is in a temporary shelter, transitional housing, or in foster care.
- Homeless – Doubled Up if the student is temporarily sharing the housing of other persons due to economic hardship.
- Homeless – Unsheltered if the student is living in abandoned buildings, vehicles, inadequate trailer parks, bus or train stations, or was abandoned in hospital.
- Homeless – Hotel/Motel if the student is temporarily living in a hotel or motel due to lack of alternate adequate accommodations
- Homeless – Unknown – use this only as a last resort!



- The Need Start Date should match the enrollment date, or use the date the student was identified as Homeless if that date is later than the enrollment date. The date must be a school day.
- There are no valid support programs for the Homeless need.
- Starting in FY 2007, Need End Dates for Homeless are valid.

Do not enter a Need Exit Reason, nor mark the Primary box. If a student gains a permanent residence, end the Homeless need by entering the Need End Date.