

Steps for Creating and Uploading Homeless Data

1) Download the Homeless Excel Template, Tips Sheet, and Steps for Creating and Uploading a Student Homeless data

- a. Located on the SIS Website – <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Student-Information-System.aspx>
- b. Listed in Resources Box (Left of the page) → SIS Excel Templates
- c. Save the files to a local computer or server
 - i) Save the template to your computer/server before opening it in Excel. For example, right Click and perform ‘Save As’ or ‘Save Target As’.
 - ii) Save the word documents (Tip Sheet and Steps) to your computer before opening it in Word.
- d. Excel Template is named → Homeless_Win.csv
- e. Excel Tips is named → Tips For Completing Homeless Data
- f. Steps document is named → Steps for Creating and Uploading a Homeless data.

2) Create the Homeless File Header in Row 1/ Columns B, C, D & E

- a. Enter the number of student records being submitted in Row 1/Column B.
- b. Enter the name of the file plus .csv in Row 1/Column C (Ex: Riverton HS.csv).
Note: This exact same name must be entered in the “SAVE AS” pop up (Name and Type fields) when creating the CSV file later in the process.
- c. Enter the date the .csv file to be uploaded to IWAS/SIS in Row 1/Column D (Ex: 09/05/2008).
- d. Enter your district/school 15 digit RCDTS code in Row 1/Column E.
Note: This is the RCDTS assigned to your IWAS account. This can be verified via your IWAS profile.

3) Enter the student’s demographic, and homeless details in the Homeless excel template

- a. Starting with Row 3 enter all mandatory data (see Tip Sheet for mandatory fields) and, when available, any optional data for each student record.
- b. Enter the 9 digit SIS Student Id number in Column A
 - i) If the student has not been assigned a SID by SIS, leave blank and a new SIS SID will be assigned.
 - ii) If the student has a SID, the system will update student information and/or create a new enrollment.
- c. Enter your local SAP Identifier (up to 50 digits) if applicable.
- d. Enter the student’s Last Name, First Name and Middle Name.
- e. Use the date format – mm/dd/yyyy - for all date fields, i.e. Birth date and Enrollment Date.
- f. 15 digit RCDTS codes
 - (1) The HOME school code will have the same first 11 digits as the district code with different last 4 digits which identify the school building.
 - (2) The SERVING school may be the same as the Home (if the student attends their home school for educational services) or different (if the student attends another education entity for their educational services such as a Special Ed cooperative or a vocation education facility).
- g. Use the correct Code Values (See the Data Elements Document located on the SIS Website – <https://www.isbe.net/Pages/Student-Information-System.aspx> for code values) for the following data elements:
 - (1) 2 digit values for Unaccompanied Youth Status, Primary Night Time Residence, Tutoring and Other Instructional Support, Expedited Evaluations, Staff Professionals Development and Awareness, Referrals for Medical, Dental, and

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other Health Services, Early Childhood Programs, Assistance with Participation in School Programs, Before-School, After-School, Mentoring, Summer Programs, Obtaining or Transferring Records Necessary for Enrollment, Parent Education Related to Rights and Resources for Children, Coordination between Schools and Agencies, Counseling, Addressing Needs Related to Domestic Violence, Clothing to Meet a School Requirement, School Supplies, Referral to Other Programs and Services, Emergency Assistance Related to School Attendance, Other (Services and Activities Provided by the McKinney-Vento Subgrant Program), Eligibility for Homeless Services, School Selection, Transportation, School Records, Immunizations or Other Medical Records, Other (Barriers to the Education of Homeless Children and Youths),

4) Save the Homeless Excel Template as a Comma Separated Values (.csv) file

- a. Open the Homeless Excel Template or if you already have the spreadsheet open save the Excel version (.XLS extension) to keep the student record details just entered and keep a backup/working document.
- b. On the File menu click File → Save As
- c. In the File Name box type the same file name as you typed in 1-C excluding the “.csv”.
 - i) Example: If 1-C has Riverton.csv, type Riverton in the File Name box.
- d. Look at the **Save in:** and either take note of where the file is being saved or change the location to another desired location. Keep the Save As type, Microsoft Excel Workbook. Click Save.
- e. After saving the backup file, on the File menu click File → click Save As a second time.
- f. In the Save As Type List, select CSV (Comma delimited) to add the .csv extension.
- g. Click Save.
- h. When notified via a pop up that the file may contain features not compatible with CSV click Yes to keep the workbook in the current format and finish saving the file.
- i. Close the Excel file.
 - i) When prompted to save your changes to the CSV file click *No*.

Note: There will be 2 files at the end of these actions: the excel template and a .csv file.

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5) Upload the Homeless file via IWAS/SIS/File Upload screen

- a. Login into IWAS/SIS using appropriate role for uploading – RCDT/ADMIN role.
- b. Access SIS from System Listing
- c. Click Upload/Download File link within SIS
- d. Click Browse to locate the CSV Homeless File named – (what you entered in 1-C).csv.
 - i) Example: Riverton.csv
- e. Click Open to return to the Upload File page
- f. Click the Upload button to complete the transmission to SIS.
- g. If you receive a message indicating your file has been uploaded successfully you are finished and should wait to receive an email indicating your file has been processed and is ready to be downloaded.
- h. If you receive any file format errors you will want to go back to your Excel Template (XLS) version to make your changes and then re-create a new CSV file.

Note: Never make any changes in the CSV version as the formatting will be lost causing records to fail.

6) Review the Result Codes and Result Messages in Columns AJ and AK after the file is processed and returned to you.

- a. Login to IWAS.
- b. Access SIS from System Listing.
- c. Click Upload/Download File link within SIS.
- d. Locate the Homeless File named – (what you entered in 1-C).csv.
 - i) Example: Riverton.csv
- e. Save the file to your pc or a server.

Note: DO NOT OPEN THE FILE AND THEN SAVE WHILE THE FILE IS OPEN. Save the file before opening in Excel. For example, right Click and perform 'Save As' or 'Save Target As'.

- f. Import data from the returned .csv file to the existing Homeless Template
 - i) Open the CSV file that you downloaded (DO NOT SAVE IT)
 - ii) Open the Homeless template (XLS)
 - iii) Keep both the source data spreadsheet and the Excel template open
 - iv) Highlight the cells - Row 2/Column A through Column AF and all rows with student data
 - (1) Make sure the Result Codes and Result Messages (AG and AH) are not copied to the template
 - (2) Do not highlight beyond column AF (the result details or blank space following) or highlight the entire row (do not include the row number on the far left).
 - v) Select Edit → Copy
 - vi) Navigate to the Student Demographic-Enrollment Excel Template
 - vii) Click on cell Row 3/Column A prior to pasting the data
 - viii) Select Edit → Paste Special
 - ix) When the pop-up box opens Select *Values* and click *Ok*.

7) Make Changes if corrections are required and re-submit a new .csv file to IWAS/SIS.

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- a. All corrections are made in the Homeless Excel template
- b. Open the original Homeless template to make the corrections.
- c. Do not make any changes to information in the CSV format as the formatting will be lost and errors may result when submitted.
- d. Correct all errors identified in Column AH
- e. When all changes are complete, create a new .csv file following the SAVE AS process.
- f. Upload the file to IWAS/SIS/File Upload/Download screen.