



Student Support Programs (SSP) & School of Origin 2026–2027

- Funded through **Categorical Funds**
 - SSP is granted funding from year-to-year.
 - Funding has been secured for the 26-27 School Year.
- **Categorical programs require that Justification Plans** be submitted year-to-year.
 - Identifies program purpose, objectives and measurable objectives

QUESTION:

How are other districts funding the School of Origin Transportation Program ?

2026–2027 Justification Plan Measurable Objectives:

- 1. Increase Attendance: 75%** of students in out-of-home care, who receive HopSkipDrive (HSD) transportation services, will maintain or increase their attendance rate when comparing their attendance rate prior to their change in placement.
- 2. Best Interest Determination (BID):** Specialized Student Services (SSS) Counselors will ensure that **90%** of students receiving HSD transportation services, will have a BID on file which determines if the school of origin is in the student's best interest.

QUESTION:

What metrics are other districts using to show student outcomes?

- **Justification Plan** also requires the monitoring of the plan.
 - **Student Support Programs School of Origin Transportation Team** supports with:
 - Monitoring and recording *new and/or cancelled* HopSkipDrive (HSD) Services
 - Monitoring student missed and/or cancelled rides.
 - Monitoring the completion rate of Best Interest Determinations (BIDs) for students on HSD.
 - Monitor the efforts to support with identifying the most cost-effective and reasonable mode of long-term transportation before considering HSD.
 - Example: Is there a LAUSD school bus route that can provide transportation to SOO?
 - Collaborating with DCFS and LACOE Ed Specialist partners to address concerns related to transportation to SOO.
 - Collaborating with LAUSD's Special Education (e.g. Nonpublic Services Support)
 - Providing on-going staff training and support as it relates to school stability.
 - Monitoring receipts and trust fund balance.

QUESTION:

How are other districts monitoring their School of Origin Transportation Program?

- **What are the challenges?**

- Cases where we are unable to reach/connect with the educational rights holders, for students who require a Best Interest Determination.
- Cases where students are being removed from school of origin *prior to* engaging the ERH in the Best Interest Determination (BID) process.
- Students in non-public schools who move out-of-district boundaries.
 - Transportation challenges due to contractual mileage limitations with NPS schools.
 - Determining which LEA should be supporting the student, in cases where:
 - Both LEA's have contracts with the NPS/SOO.
 - One LEA doesn't contract with the NPS/SOO.

QUESTION:

Do other districts have the same or different challenges?

QUESTIONS

