

Student Voice E-Toolkit Guide

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Welcome to the Kern County Superintendent of Schools' Foster & Homeless Education Program's Model Innovative Practice (MIP) E-Toolkit.

Kern County's MIP is titled: Schools Amplifying Youth voice (SAY)

This guide will help walk you through how to utilize the toolkit, located at www.kern.org/hip.

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How to Use the Toolkit

Go to kern.org/hip.

Under the words “Kern’s Student Voice MIP E-Toolkit: Click Below to Find Out More About What Student Voice Is & How to Implement It,” there are multiple tabs.

The tabs each focus on a different element of Student Voice practices. Click the individual tab of the topic you are interested in learning more about. Under each tab, you may see a training video (including audio and PowerPoint), PowerPoint slides, and/or other supplemental materials.

If there is a training video, it is recommended that you first view the video, as it will explain what the supplemental materials are for under that specific tab.



The following pages will walk you through everything you can find within the Kern Student Voice MIP E-Toolkit.

What's in the tabs?

Table of Contents

- This document, walking you through step-by-step of how to utilize the toolkit and what it includes
- The HIP Toolkit flyer, which can be handed out to organizations or educators to showcase what Student Voice training materials can be located on the website.

What is Student Voice?

- Training video, including audio and visual, on Student Voice basics (AKA "Student Voice 101")
- Student Voice 101 slides, which are a copy of the slides seen in the PowerPoint during the training video

Student Voice Idea Menus

- Low Effort Student Voice Menu (explained in the training video located under the "What is Student Voice?" tab)
- Medium Effort Student Voice Menu (explained in the training video located under the "What is Student Voice?" tab)
- High Effort Student Voice Menu (explained in the training video located under the "What is Student Voice?" tab)

Youth Voice Amplified Podcast

This is a direct link to the Youth Voice Amplified (YVA) Podcast website located at www.kern.org/yva. The YVA Podcast is a project under the Kern Co. MIP.

To find out more about the podcast, go to www.kern.org/yva or watch the training video located under the "Student Voice & Multimedia" tab. The YVA website also has a link to all YVA episodes, which can be listened to on multiple platforms, including Spotify, Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts or wherever you listen to your favorite podcasts.

Student Voice & Multimedia

- Training video, including audio and visual, on Student Voice & Multimedia
- Student Voice & Multimedia slides, which are a copy of the slides seen in the PowerPoint during the training video
- Youth Voice Amplified Podcast flyer
- How to Create a Photojournalism Project Guide, to provide guidance on creating photojournalism student voice projects focused on student homelessness
- Empowering Homeless Student Voices through Podcasts Guidebook (explained in the training video)

Student Voice Research

- 2009 Mitra & Gross Research Study (explained in the training video located under the "What is Student Voice?" tab)
- 2021 RAND Corporation Research Study (explained in the training video located under the "What is Student Voice?" tab)

Youth Led Events & Conferences

- Supporting Youth-Led Events Mini Guidebook, to provide guidance on utilizing student voices to plan events and conferences

Youth as Trainers

- Training video, including audio and visual, on Elevating Student Voice by Using Youth as Trainers
- Elevating Student Voice by Using Youth as Trainers slides, which are a copy of the slides seen in the PowerPoint during the training video
- Lessons Learned as a Peer Support Specialist (explained in the training video)
- Tip Sheet for Being a Trainer with Lived Experience (explained in the training video)
- Peer Support Specialist Job Description example (explained in the training video)

Youth Advisory Boards

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- Training video, including audio and visual, on Youth Advisory Boards (YABs)
- Youth Advisory Boards slides, which are a copy of the slides seen in the PowerPoint during the training video
- Lessons Learned from a YAB Chair (explained in the training video)
- Steps for Creating a YAB (explained in the training video)

Student Voice & Best Interest Determination Meetings

- Training video, including audio and visual, on Empowering Youth Voice in Best Interest Determination Meetings
- Empowering Youth Voice in Best Interest Determination Meetings slides, which are a copy of the slides seen in the PowerPoint during the training video
- BID Facilitator Template (explained in the training video)
- BID Guiding Questions (explained in the training video)

Student Voice Cohorts & Technical Assistance

- Training video, including audio and visual, on Facilitating Professional Student Voice Cohorts
- Facilitating Professional Student Voice Cohorts slides, which are a copy of the slides seen in the PowerPoint during the training video
- Sample Student Voice Cohort Presentation (explained in the training video)

Student Voice in the LCAP

- Training video, including audio and visual, on Incorporating Student Voice into the LCAP
- Incorporating Student Voice into the LCAP slides, which are a copy of the slides seen in the PowerPoint during the training video

Student Voice Evaluation Tools

- Conducting Focus Groups: A Guide to Authentic Student-Centered Data Collection for Schools
- Student Voice Toolkit (explained in the training video under "What is Student Voice?")
- Closing the Feedback Loop with Homeless Students
- Unlocking the Power of Homeless Students in Evaluation

How to Listen & Be an Adult Supporter

(Materials for this tab created by Hopester, Inc.)

- Training video, including audio and visual, called "Listen Down," regarding teaching educators how to listen to students
- "Listen Down" slides, which are a copy of the slides seen in the PowerPoint during the training video
- Humility in Leadership (explained in the training video)
- Overcoming Hardships (explained in the training video)

Training Calendar

Confirmed conference student voice trainings in the 2023-2024 school year, provided by the KCSOS Foster & Homeless Education Program, are listed here.