

CHAPTER 5.00 - STUDENTS

5.025 – Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

POLICY:

- (1) The District shall collaborate with child welfare agencies to ensure educational stability for children in foster care.
- (2) The District shall designate a contact person for students in foster care. The point of contact will be reported to the Florida Department of Education and the local child welfare agency.
- (3) The District shall ensure that children in foster care remain in the school of origin when it is in the best interest of the child.
- (4) If it is determined that it is not in the child's best interest to remain in the school of origin, the District shall expedite transfer and enrollment in the new school.
- (5) Transportation shall be provided so that a child in foster care may remain in the school of origin. The District and the child welfare agency shall negotiate the cost of transportation.
- (6) The District shall ensure that children in foster care receive all appropriate services.
- (7) Relevant personnel shall be trained on the requirements relating to educational stability for students in foster care and the procedures for best interest determination and transportation.
- (8) The Superintendent shall develop procedures for ensuring educational stability for students in foster care. Procedures shall include but are not limited to
 - A. Identification of students in foster care;
 - B. Role of the point of contact;
 - C. Determination of the child's retention in the school of origin or placement in another school;
 - D. A dispute resolution process developed with the child welfare agency to be used when all parties do not agree on the proposed placement of the student;
 - E. Methods of providing transportation to maintain enrollment in the school of origin or to provide transportation to a different school;
 - F. Process for expediting enrollment and attendance in another school if it is determined to be in the best interest of the child;
 - G. Process for expediting transfer of student records to the enrolling school if the student does not remain at the school of origin.
 - H. Training for staff regarding the requirements for maintaining stability for children in foster care and the effects placement in foster care on students.

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Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, P.L. 89-10
No Child Left Behind Act of 2001, P.L. 107-110
Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 USC 1232g
Fostering Connections Act of 2008, P.L. 110-351
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