

FY19 Foster Care Transportation Plan

NOTE: *In order to answer the questions below, refer to the Non-Regulatory Guidance: Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care.*

I. Foster Care Transportation Plan: PLANNING

A. The LEA's role is to have a transportation plan in place for children in foster care to their school of origin. Describe your plan to:

1. Coordinate transportation with the local child welfare agency.
2. Implement steps to be taken if additional costs are incurred.
3. Execute the local dispute resolution process.

Include the roles of key players (e.g. LEA Foster Care Point of Contact, LEA Superintendent, LEA Federal Program Director, EPAC Unit Education Support Monitor, Case Worker, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Juvenile Court representative, etc.) *Please limit the response to 1,000 characters.*

The CSD identified POC will work closely with the DFCS POC to ensure that each child placed into foster care will be placed in the school of origin or the school which the local child welfare office determines most appropriate and receive transportation to his or her school of origin.

When transportation of the foster child is an issue, the CSD POC, Federal Programs Director, CSD case manager/social workers, and the DFCS POC, will collaborate to develop a transportation plan that meets the needs of the individual child.

If additional transportation costs are incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin, CSD will provide such transportation if (1) the local child welfare agency agrees to reimburse CSD for the cost of such transportation; (2) CSD agrees to pay for the cost; or (3) CSD and local child welfare agency agrees to share the cost.

In the event of a dispute, CSD and DCFS will defer to the CSD Federal Programs Director and DFCS Director for final determination.

B. What steps should an LEA and local child welfare agency take to ensure that transportation is provided immediately, even if they face difficulty reaching agreement on how to pay for additional transportation costs? *Please limit the response to 1,000 characters.*

CSD and DFCS will work cooperatively to insure that transportation is provided immediately and not a barrier. If there is difficulty reaching an agreement on how to pay for additional transportation costs, the partners will coordinate a meeting to consider and utilize all allowable funding sources, including Federal funds. All possible funding sources will be maximized to help ensure that transportation costs for children in foster care do not become overly demanding on any one agency.

C. The LEA must designate a Foster Care Point of Contact that coordinates with the local child welfare agency. Describe the point of contact's role and responsibilities. *Please limit the response to 1,000 characters.*

The CSD Foster Care POC will contact the CSD Transportation Director immediately when foster parents, a DFCS Caseworker, LEA Student Support Director, Court Appointed Special Advocate, Juvenile Court representative, etc., contacts or makes a request for transportation to CSD for a student in foster care. The POC will also collaborate with parties involved to ensure transportation needs for children in foster care are met in a timely manner.

II. Foster Care Transportation Plan: GUIDING QUESTIONS

A. If a child is placed within the LEA's school attendance area and projected transportation cost are negligible, transportation should be immediately provided without supplemental assistance from the local child welfare agency. If there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to maintain children in foster care in their schools of origin, the LEA will provide transportation to the school of origin if:



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	YES	NO	N/A
1. The local child welfare agency agrees to reimburse the LEA for the cost of such transportation.	Yes		
2. The LEA agrees to pay for the cost of such transportation.	Yes		
3. The LEA and local child welfare agency agree to share the cost of such transportation.	Yes		
<p>Describe the agreement the LEA has made with the local child welfare agency regarding transportation costs. <i>Please limit the response to 1,000 characters.</i></p> <p>CSD and DFCS will share transportation cost in the event that additional transportation cost are unavoidable. DFCS will assume financial responsibility for exceptional cost such as paying foster parents to transport distances over 25 miles or contracting with transportation companies. CSD will assume financial responsibility for cost associated with re-routing CSD transportation.</p>			
<p>B. All LEAs must meet the requirement to provide transportation for children who are in foster care to their schools of origin (<i>Similar to the McKinney-Vento requirement for students experiencing homelessness</i>). Does your LEA currently provide transportation services? If no, describe your plan to meet this mandate.</p>	Yes		
<p><i>Please limit the response to 1,000 characters.</i></p>			