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**Wallkill Central School District’s Assurance of Procedures for Transportation**

**For the**

**Educational Stability and Transportation Provisions for Students in Foster Care in Title I, Part A as amended in the Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015**

The Foster Care provisions under Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requires Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) to maintain the educational stability of children in foster care. ESSA recognizes the joint responsibility of LEAs and the child welfare agencies. Consistent with these provisions and in accordance with ESSA§1112 [c] [5] [A] and [B]. LEAs receiving Title I funds are directed to submit the following Assurances:

**Procedures for how Transportation will be provided.**

Scenario I – If a Wallkill student is placed in Wallkill;

* The District will transport the student to his/her school and update transportation that there will be a new student added to a specific route.
* No need to ask for reimbursement from Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS) due to the fact that the district will not incur an increase in cost

Scenario II – If a Wallkill student is placed in a district other than Wallkill and will continue to attend Wallkill;

* OCFS will transport the student from his/her foster care placement to the school

of origin at OCFS’ cost.

* If OCFS cannot provide transportation to the school of origin, Wallkill will set up transportation, through the district’s transportation department, and bill OCFS for the incurred cost.

Scenario III – If a Wallkill student is placed in a district other than Wallkill and will attend school in the district of location;

* The district of location will transport the student to his/her new school from his/her foster care placement. Wallkill will not be involved in organizing transportation. The district of location will work with OCFS to ensure educational stability is being met through the transportation needs of the student.

Scenario IV – If a non-Wallkill student is placed out of his/her district of origin and the new foster care placement is within Wallkill and the student will maintain his/her education in the district of origin;

* OCFS will arrange to transport the student from his/her foster care placement to the school of origin at OCFS’ cost. If OCFS cannot provide transportation to the school of origin, OCFS should work with the district of origin to provide transportation.
* If the district of origin refuses transportation, Wallkill will set up transportation, through the district’s transportation department, and bill OCFS for the incurred cost.

**Ensure that children will promptly receive transportation.**

Wallkill Central School District will arrange transportation, when necessary, for any student in an expeditious manner. The funding of transportation will not delay the students’ attendance. The District will facilitate the organization of transportation within three (3) days of the LEAs awareness of the transportation need.