



## Transportation Procedures for Students in Foster Care

**LAW:** A student enrolled in public school may remain in the school they were enrolled in at the time of placement in foster care, even when moved outside the schools' district and attendance zones. Texas law now allows students in primary and secondary school who are placed in conservatorship by DFPS to continue to attend the school in which the student was enrolled immediately before entering conservatorship until the student successfully completes the highest grade level offered by the school at the time of placement without payment of tuition. This is in accordance with the Fostering Connections Act that promotes school stability for students in foster care.

### **Foster Care & Student Success - Collaboration**

Collaboration between San Angelo ISD and the child welfare system is recognized as an important component of working to improve the education outcomes of students who experience foster care. The federal Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 encourages coordination between education and child welfare stakeholders. The San Angelo ISD Foster Care Liaison, along with other district and campus staff members, will maintain frequent and on-going communication with the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services staff in order to ensure all foster care students' needs are being met.

### **Transportation Procedures**

San Angelo ISD ensures that all children in foster care needing transportation to their school of origin (unless it is not in the student's best interest) will promptly receive services. San Angelo ISD will follow all specifications outlined in the following: "Student Welfare - Student Support Services, 2016"; FFC (Regulation). District staff will also complete the documents: Exhibit A and Exhibit B to ensure all information is provided.

### **Dispute Resolution**

Upon conflict between district and TDFPS staff, SAISD ensures that foster care students will and must remain in his or her school of origin while any disputes regarding transportation costs are being resolved.

### **SAISD Board Policy**

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