

STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

The Board of Education (the “Board”) for the Indian River School District (the “District”) intends to promote educational stability for students in foster care in accordance with State and Federal law. Students in foster care must be provided with access to free and appropriate public education, including a public preschool education, as provided for other children and youth. In order to provide equal access, the district shall remove all barriers that could cause students to miss critical learning opportunities.

The District shall coordinate with other Districts, local child welfare agencies, and other agencies or programs providing services to students in foster care who are in the custody of DSCYF. At least one staff member shall be designated to serve as the foster care education liaison and fulfill the duties set forth in State and Federal law. Designation of the District’s foster care liaison and procedures for enrollment and transportation for students in foster care shall be made in accordance with Delaware regulations and applicable law.

No Board policy, administrative procedure, or practice will be interpreted or applied in such a way as to inhibit the enrollment, attendance, or school success of children experiencing foster care.

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