

Students in Foster Care

The Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA) and the Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act of 2008 (Fostering Connections Act; FCA) requires school districts to **immediately** enroll any child or student that is considered in foster care or a ward of the state of Texas.

Contact our office when a foster student enrolls:

- The student must be enrolled immediately even without paperwork
- The student must have Form 2085 from the Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS) or a Court Order
- Contact the Foster Liaison as soon as the student enrolls
- PEIMS and Registrars must send the Foster Liaison a copy of Form 2085 or the Court Order

SERVICES FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE:



- Transition assistance
- Excused absences for courtordered appointments
- Partial credit accrual
- Information on college tuition and fee waivers
- Immediate enrollment
- Attendance in the School of Origin
- School of Origin transportation
- Free eligibility for Pre-K

Contact Information

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