Foster Care

The general term "foster care" for education purposes includes all students in the managing conservatorship (legal custody) of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS).



- This includes students placed by DFPS with a kinship caregiver, when the child remains in the legal custody of Texas DFPS.
- The Texas Legislature only granted TEA permission to collect the "foster care" status of students in the Texas DFPS Managing Conservatorship, therefore student's from another state's foster care system and students who are identified as Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) living in Texas, although both may be considered in "foster care" should not be coded for the purpose of PEIMS.

Acceptable Documentation for PEIMS:

- Schools may accept any official Texas Department of Family and Protective Services form that designate that a student is in Texas DFPS Managing Conservatorship. A school may also accept a copy of the court order for this purpose.





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