



# Foster Care Transportation Plan

## Task Instructions

In this task, the LEA will submit its most updated Foster Care Transportation Plan. The submission of the LEA's Foster Care Transportation Plan demonstrates that the LEA is prepared to implement the ESEA Foster Care School Stability Provisions, which includes the following: attestation of transporting students to their school of origin for the duration of time they are in foster care, clear procedures for the LEA to determine how it will collaborate with the child welfare agency to provide transportation to the school of origin before and after the BID process, how they will address additional costs that may arise when transporting students in foster care to their schools of origin, and posting the foster care transportation plan.

## Legal Background

### Attestation of foster care transportation for duration of time in foster care

"An LEA must collaborate with the State or local child welfare agency to develop and implement clear written procedures governing how transportation to maintain children in foster care in their schools of origin, when in their best interest, will be provided, arranged, and funded for the duration of the child's time in foster care..." (Non-Regulatory Guidance: Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care)

### Transportation during the BID process

"An LEA must ensure that a child in foster care remains in his or her school of origin while any disputes regarding transportation costs are being resolved. (See ESEA sections 1111(g)(1)(E)(i) and 1112(c)(5)(B)(i))." (Non-Regulatory Guidance: Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care).

### Transportation Plan for Children in Foster Care to their School of Origin

Public Law 114-95 Title I, Sec. 1112(c)(5)(B)(i) '(i) ensure that children in foster care needing transportation to the school of origin will promptly receive transportation in a cost-effective manner and in accordance with section 475(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(4)(A)); ...

### Foster care transportation additional costs

Public Law 114-95 Title I, Sec. 1112(c)(5)(B)(ii) "(ii) ensure that, if there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to maintain children in foster care in their schools of origin, the local educational agency will provide transportation to the school of origin if— (l) the local

child welfare agency agrees to reimburse the local educational agency for the cost of such transportation; (II) the local educational agency agrees to pay for the cost of such transportation; or (III) the local educational agency and the local child welfare agency agree to share the cost of such transportation; ..." The LEA will ensure transportation to the school of origin should there be additional costs. "Additional costs incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin should reflect the difference between what an LEA otherwise would spend to transport a student to his or her assigned school and the cost of transporting a child in foster care to his or her school of origin." (Non-Regulatory Guidance: Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care).

### **Foster Care Transportation Plan Public Notice**

The LEA will post their approved foster care transportation plan exported form from EMAC, along with the contact information for the foster care point of contact, on their website.

## **List of Fields to Complete**

### **Attestation of foster care transportation for duration of time in foster care**

\*If transportation to school of origin is necessary to maintain school stability for children in foster care, this LEA, in collaboration with the child welfare agency (CWA), will ensure that said transportation will be provided for the duration of the children's time in foster care? **Yes**

\*NAME **Kylee Melcher**

\*SIGNATURE **Kylee Melcher**

### **Transportation during the BID process**

\*Children in foster care must remain at their school of origin throughout the best interest determination (BID) process. Describe how the lea, in collaboration with the CWA, will provide, arrange, and fund transportation to the school of origin during the bid process.

**Contact Kylee Melcher for services to remain at their school of origin. Services will be provided via bus/van. We have a bus driver that provides Field trip and other transportation services throughout the day. He will provide service when needed. The services will be the same before the bid and after the bid. The most cost effective method of transportation will be funded from the DSA M&O account. The scholars academic will not be effected by BID process. The scholar will continue to have access to the school and google classroom if needed..**

### **Transportation Plan for Children in Foster Care to their School of Origin**

\*Describe how the LEA, in collaboration with the CWA, will provide, arrange, and fund transportation to the school of origin after the BID process.

Contact Kylee Melcher for services to remain at their school of origin. Services will be provided via bus/van. The transportation will remain the same and the scholar will continue to be serviced at the school provided it's the best placement for the scholar. We currently have a bus driver that services Field trips and after school activities, he can provide the services that

are needed. The most prompt service for the cost will be provided by the DSA M&O account. The scholar will be provided continued education throughout the process via classroom access or google classroom.

### **Foster care transportation additional costs**

\*Describe the circumstances that would trigger the LEA to seek reimbursement from the CWA. Out of county and amount of days transporting. The school would request with an invoice. The bus driver would also keep a time card for the services. We have access to 3 busses. We are rural so we don't have public services..

\*Describe the circumstances that would trigger the LEA to solely provide transportation. Transportation would be solely provided by the LEA. The school has access to 3 busses. We are rural so we don't have access to public transportation..

\*Describe the circumstances that would trigger the LEA to agree to share the cost with the CWA.

CWA is unable to provide transportation to and from school. The LEA would seek reimbursement for services over 30 miles roundtrip. We would check into the cost effectiveness and revisit at the end of the semester to see if there's a better option such as purchasing a car. We currently have access to 3 busses. We are rural so we don't have access to public transportation. We do not have a set number of dollars spent to trigger the LEA, we will continue the services as needed for the scholar until the end of the current school year and revisit the cost and effectiveness. LEA and CWA each agree to provide a set percentage of the transportation. [Click or tap here to enter text.](#)

### **Foster Care Transportation Plan Public Notice**

\*Question: for the purposes of collaborating with the child welfare agency, the state education agency, and all foster care education stakeholders, the approved foster care transportation plan and the contact information for the foster care point of contact will be made publicly available on the LEA website?

Yes

No

\*DATE May 19, 2023

\*NAME Kylee Melcher

\*SIGNATURE Kylee Melcher

\*Required Field