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TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

The *Every Student Succeeds Act of 2015 (ESSA)* requires school districts to work with child welfare agencies to ensure the educational stability of children in foster care. In New York State, the child welfare agency is the Local Department of Social Services (LDSS) or, at the state level, the Office of Child and Family Services (OCFS).

The Elwood Union Free School District promotes the educational stability of students in foster care by working with students, their designated caregivers, and Local Departments of Social Services (LDSS) to determine the educational placement that is in the best interest of the student, and by providing transportation and other services consistent with applicable laws and regulations.

The Elwood Union Free School District will coordinate and collaborate with the LDSS to make an appropriate transportation plan that supports the student's school stability plan and is fair to the District's taxpayers, consistent with the Elwood School District's obligations under the federal Fostering Connections Act.