Justice-Engaged Youth Guidance

Justice-Engaged Students Bill of Rights

With respect to education, a justice-engaged student has the right to:

1. The provision of alternative solutions to a general education, including, but not limited to, appropriate available alternate education programs.
2. Prompt enrollment or re-enrollment no later than 10 business days after the first request to the local education provider, so long as the student is eligible for enrollment, as determined by the local education provider.
3. Appropriate credit for coursework completed while justice engaged, and for that coursework to be applied toward graduation or school continuation.
4. A clearly defined and documented plan – developed with the justice-engaged student and the student's family, caregiver, or advocate – for graduation upon re-entry, reenrollment, or continuation with a local education provider. The plan must consider all prior coursework completed by the student. In developing the plan, the team shall make every effort to account for all credits earned by the student and clarify requirements to allow the student to complete high school graduation requirements at the earliest possible date.
5. Privacy, including privacy when related to diversion, probation or questioning about a crime at a local education provider and not in view of the student's peers.
6. Protection by the federal "Individuals with Disabilities Education Act", Section 504 of the federal "Rehabilitation Act of 1973", applicable foster care regulations, and the federal "McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act".
7. Create evidence of and be evaluated for giftedness, with support and information from the student's family or caregiver.
8. Participation in school activities or career readiness pathways in accordance with rules promulgated by the State Board of Education.