



Foster Care Transportation Plan Prep Guide

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— (I) 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**

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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. **During the BID process, the child will remain at the school of origin. Acorn Montessori Charter School will contact the foster care placement family and ensure transportation is provided to and from school each day with no charge to the family during the entire BID process. Once notification of foster placement is received, the foster placement protocol would be activated beginning with notification to the transportation director using the foster care transportation procedure document in order to modify existing van routes to ensure safe and timely transportation of student in foster placement. Transportation will be provided using the school van service and times will be arranged with the family and cooperating agencies within 48 hours of foster placement. While waiting for transportation services, academic support will be provided to foster student through a work packet and access to the online classroom and online curriculum.**

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. **Acorn Montessori School has a van service available for students to get to and from school. Once notification of foster placement is received and the BID process is complete, notification of continued transportation needs would be given to the transportation director by the foster care point of contact to ensure van routes can continue to ensure safe and timely transportation of student in foster placement. Acorn Montessori School will work with the placement family and cooperating agencies to determine need for transportation to and from school. Acorn**

Montessori will provide free transportation using the school vans within 48 hours of placement and will continue for as long as needed for the student in foster care placement. Transportation times for pick up and drop off will be arranged with foster care placement family and school to ensure student is in school on time each day. The student would be added to the existing transportation routes closest to the new home address of the student. While waiting for transportation services, or during any unforeseen cancellation of transportation services, academic support will be provided to foster student through a work packet and access to the online classroom and online curriculum.

Foster care transportation additional costs

*Describe the circumstances that would trigger the LEA to seek reimbursement from the CWA. Transportation mileage over 30 miles from Acorn Montessori School location may trigger the need for Acorn Montessori School to seek reimbursement from the CWA. Transportation by school van service would still occur during this time and would still be provided by Acorn Montessori School.

*Describe the circumstances that would trigger the LEA to solely provide transportation. Acorn Montessori School will solely provide transportation for students in foster care placement within 30 miles of the school location and will seek assistance/reimbursement for addresses beyond the 30 miles. Acorn Montessori School would be able to solely provide transportation within 30 miles as routes and staff already exist within the 30 miles of the school campuses.

*Describe the circumstances that would trigger the LEA to agree to share the cost with the CWA. Acorn Montessori School would agree to share the costs of school van transportation with the CWA for any mileage over 30 miles from Acorn Montessori School. Sharing the costs would help with the additional staff and hours needed to transport student living more than 30 miles from the school campuses. Acorn would provide either AM or PM, while CWA would provide either AM or PM.

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

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*Required Field