STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

It is the Board’s intent to remove barriers to school enrollment and retention of students in foster care in accordance with state and federal law. The district shall take reasonable steps to ensure that students in foster care are not segregated or stigmatized and that decisions are made in the best interest of the student.

Each identified student in foster care shall be provided with all services for which the student is eligible, comparable to those provided to other students in the school, regardless of residency, including transportation services, school nutrition programs, education services, career and technical education programs, and gifted and talented programs.

Students in foster care shall be provided access to education and other services that they need to ensure that they have an opportunity to meet the same student performance standards to which all students are held. All educational decisions shall be made in the best interests of the student.

The district shall coordinate with other districts and with local social service agencies and other agencies or programs providing services to children in foster care as needed.

The superintendent shall designate at least one district employee to serve as a Child Welfare Education Liaison and fulfill the duties set forth in state and federal law.

Decisions on enrollment and transportation for students in foster care shall be made in accordance with the accompanying regulation and applicable law.

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Legal refs.: 20 U.S.C. 1232g (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act)
20 U.S.C. 6311 (g)(1)(E) and 6312(c)(5) (provisions in Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) regarding obligations to students in foster care)
42 U.S.C. 671 (a)(10) and 675(1)(G) (child welfare agency requirements related to supporting normalcy for children in foster care and ensuring educational stability of children in foster care)
34 C.F.R. 200.30 (f)(1)(iii) (ESSA’s definition of “foster care”)
C.R.S. 22-32-138 (enrollment of students in out-of-home placements)
C.R.S. 22-33-103 through 22-33-110 (school attendance law)

Cross refs.: JF, Admission and Denial of Admission
JH/JHA/JHBA, Student Absences and Excuses
JJJ, Extracurricular Activity Eligibility
JLCB, Immunization of Students
JQ, Student Fees, Fines and Charges