

Local Educational Agency (LEA) Checklist Related to Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care

Use this checklist as a guide to ensure LEAs receiving Title I funds carry out provisions in Sections 1111(g)(1)(E) and 1112(c)(5) of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).	
	1. The LEA will designate an LEA point of contact (POC) for students in foster care and report the POC to the FDOE. The LEA POC will collaborate with the appropriate Child Welfare Agency (CWA) to ensure educational stability for students in foster care.
	2. The LEA will develop and maintain a process to identify students in foster care.
	3. The LEA will ensure that children in foster care remain in the school of origin unless there is a determination that it is not in their best interest. LEAs will provide transportation to maintain children in foster care in the school of origin.
	4. The LEA will ensure that, if it is in the best interest of the child to leave the school of origin, the child must be immediately enrolled in the new school even if they do not have the required documentation.
	5. For students in foster care who leave the school of origin, the LEA will ensure that the enrolling school shall immediately contact the school last attended to obtain the child's records.
	6. The LEA will develop and implement clear written procedures for how transportation will be provided, arranged and funded for a child's duration of time in foster care – in collaboration with the appropriate CWA.
	7. All pertinent personnel have been trained on the ESSA requirements relating to educational stability for students in foster care, and the procedures for best interest determination and transportation.
	8. The LEA will provide transportation to maintain children in foster care in the school of origin.
	9. The LEA will ensure that if there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to maintain children in foster care in their schools of origin, the LEA will provide transportation to the school of origin if: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) the local CWA agrees to reimburse the LEA for the cost of such transportation; b) the LEA agrees to pay for the cost of such transportation; or c) the LEA and the local CWA agree to share the cost of such transportation.