Every Student Succeeds Act: Foster Care Overview

October 2016
In December 2015, Congress passed the Every Student Succeeds Act.
New guidelines and resources to support children in foster care.

Some new provisions take effect on Dec. 10, 2016.
Ohio Department of Education

School Districts

State and local child welfare agencies
Working Together to Ensure Educational Stability

What is in the best interest of the child?

Remain in school of origin

Team should meet to determine best decision for child
If it is not in the student’s best interest to remain in the school of origin, the child should be immediately enrolled in the new school. Do not wait for student records. Enrolling school should immediately contact the school of origin to obtain relevant academic records.
Districts must designate a foster care point of contact to work with the local child protection agency.
Coordinate with child welfare agencies
Lead the development of best interest determination for the student
Facilitate records transfer
Ensure foster students are enrolled and regularly attending school
Districts must transport the child from the foster home to the school of origin.
24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the child protection agency has placement and care responsibility
Collaboration and joint decision making between districts and child protection agencies

Enhance similar provisions governing child welfare agencies

Educational stability of children in foster care is a joint responsibility between schools and child welfare agencies
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Dec. 10 Effective Date
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- Educational stability for foster youth
- Information about the district point of contact
- Information about transportation
- Local collaboration