



# Every Student Succeeds Act: Foster Care Overview

October 2016

A photograph of the Ohio Statehouse dome and a portion of the building's facade. The dome is white with a central statue on top. An American flag flies on a tall pole to the right. The sky is clear blue. In the foreground, there are some pinkish-white blossoms on the left side. A semi-transparent blue banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

**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



**START**

**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**