



FOSTER YOUTH SCHOOL ENROLLMENT PROCEDURES

ASSEMBLY BILL 490

Effective January 1, 2004, Assembly Bill (AB) 490, Chapter 862, imposed new duties and rights related to the education of children and youth in foster care (dependents and wards of the court).

All educational and school placement decisions for foster youth shall be made to ensure that each foster pupil has the opportunity to meet the same academic achievement standards to which all pupils are held, is placed in the least restrictive educational programs, and has access to the academic resources, services, extracurricular and enrichment activities as all other pupils. Education Code (EC) § 48850(a)

The new school shall immediately enroll the foster child even if the foster child has outstanding fees, fines, textbooks, or other items or moneys due to the school last attended or is unable to produce records or clothing normally required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, medical records, proof of residency, other documentation, or school uniforms. Education Code (EC) § 48850(b)

In order to maintain compliance with AB490 and ensure that all students living in Sacramento County have equal access to a quality education, Data Processors/Registrars are required to take the following steps when working with foster youth students.

KEY POINTS IN ASSISTING A FOSTER FAMILY/GROUP HOME:

- EGUSD will enroll a foster child immediately even if the foster child is unable to produce records required for enrollment, such as previous academic records, medical records, or other documentation.
- Foster care status can be verified through the Foster Parent or Group Home/Agency Agreement, official letter from county social worker, or email verification from EGUSD Foster Youth Education Liaison.
- At enrollment, please make sure to enter the foster youth status under Student – Other Info by checking the Foster Youth box.

STEPS TO ENROLLMENT:

- Obtain enrollment registration packet and one proof of residency
- Enter/update registration information in Synergy
- Enter foster youth status under **Student – Other Info tab** by checking the Foster Youth box.
- Notify assigned Foster Youth Services Program Assistant of student enrollment and provide copy of foster youth verification (Placement Agreement):

Foster Youth Services Program Assistants

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