

Local Educational Agency

Transportation Plan to Ensure School Stability for Students in Foster Care

Local Educational Agency (LEA) [Southwest Leadership Academy]

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Duration of Transportation

If transportation to school of origin is required in order to maintain school stability for students in foster care, [Southwest Leadership Academy], in collaboration with the local child welfare agency (CWA), will ensure that said transportation will be provided for the duration of the child(ren)'s time in foster care.

How Transportation Will Be Provided, Arranged, and Funded

1. Interim transportation should be addressed to ensure no delays for the student in foster care while transportation is being worked out between the parties. Describe how this LEA will promptly provide, arrange, and fund interim transportation for children in foster care as they collaborate with the CWA to institute a child's long term transportation plan (*be sure to include the duration of transportation, method of transportation, etc*): [**Southwest Leadership Academy will provide transportation to any children in foster care during the BID process via school vans or reputable third-party transportation, and/or provide bus passes. Funding will be provided via state and local funding sources of SLA. However, this will be in collaboration with the CWA, so we will determine per situation cost splitting if necessary**]
1. Describe how this LEA will examine existing transportation options available for students in foster care (*i.e. transportation covered by other LEA programs, state contracts, etc.*): [**If a third-party provider is needed at the time and funding permits Southwest Leadership Academy will provide funding with the expectation of the CWA reimbursing once the BID process is completed. However, this will be in collaboration with the CWA, so we will determine per situation cost splitting if necessary.**]
1. Describe how this LEA will ensure that children in foster care will promptly receive transportation to their school of origin in a cost effective manner & in accordance with section 475(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675 (4)(A)) (*be sure to include no or low cost options to pursue, which occurrences this LEA will agree to pay for the cost of transportation, which occurrences this LEA will pursue reimbursement from the local CWA for the cost of transportation, which occurrences this LEA will seek a cost sharing agreement with the local CWA for the cost of transportation, methods of transportation to be used and when such methods would be used, procedures to ensure student safety, etc.*): [**SLA will determine the most prompt and cost-effective methods of transportation by determining the mileage from the students' home to the school. Mileage will lead to determination of amendment to current school van routes, third-party transportation or foster caregiver transportation. SLA determines student pick up using a standard 12-mile radius.**]

These transportation procedures were instituted on the following date: 6-7-24

Authorized Signature for [Southwest Leadership Academy]
