Helena School District

STUDENTS

Education of Children in Foster Care

Children in foster care are entitled to educational stability and the opportunity to achieve at the same high levels as their peers. "Foster care" means 24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom Child and Family Services has placement and care responsibility. This includes, but is not limited to, placements in foster family homes, foster homes of relatives, group homes, emergency shelters, residential facilities, childcare institutions, and pre-adoptive homes.

The District agrees to cooperate with Child and Family Services to ensure that children in foster care remain in their school of origin unless it is not in their best interests. If it is determined to be in the child's best interest to not remain in their school of origin, the District shall enroll a child in foster care in a school determined to be in the child's best interest without delay regardless of whether that student can produce records normally required for enrollment. The new school in which a child in foster care is enrolled shall immediately contact the school of origin to obtain the child's records.

The Superintendent or designee shall identify a Point of Contact (POC) to coordinate the District's provision of services to children in foster care.

Legal References:	20 U.S.C. 6311	Title I (as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act)
Cross References:		3085 Transfer of Student Records3090 Receipt of Confidential Records

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