

# Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) and Foster Care

## Did you know?

- Foster children no longer fall under McKinney-Vento.
- Foster children should remain in their school of origin when in the child's best interest.
- Foster children may be transported to their school of origin.
- Foster children should be enrolled IMMEDIATELY, even without all required paperwork.
- Foster children automatically qualify for the FREE & reduced lunch program.

### FOSTER CARE

24-hour substitute care for children placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the child welfare agency has placement and care responsibility.

### MCKINNEY-VENTO CHANGE

The term 'awaiting foster care placement' has been removed from the definition of 'homeless' under the McKinney-Vento Act.

### SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

The school in which a child is enrolled at the time of placement in foster care. If a child's foster care placement changes, then it would be considered the school in which the child is enrolled at the time of the placement change.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT YOUR LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCY'S/SCHOOL'S FOSTER CARE LIAISON/POINT OF CONTACT:**

**OR YOUR LOCAL CHILD WELFARE AGENCY:**

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