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Students in **Out-of-Home (Foster) Care**

The board recognizes that students in **out-of-home or** foster care **include all students who are the subject of a dependency proceeding as defined in RCW 26A.150.510 and that these students** experience mobility in and out of these care systems and from one home placement to another that disrupts their education, thereby creating barriers to academic success and on-time graduation. Through collaboration with state, local and/or tribal child welfare agencies, the district will strive to minimize or eliminate educational barriers for students in **out-of-home foster** care, including enrollment, transfer of student records, and transportation to their school of origin unless it is not in the student's best interest to attend the school of origin. Pursuant to [Chapter 26A.225 RCW](#), the district's collaboration with the state department of children, youth, and families in compliance with [RCW 74.13.560](#) is mandatory.

The district and its schools will work to improve systems to identify students in **out-of-home foster** care to ensure that each student has proper access to free school meals and that applicable accountability and reporting requirements are satisfied.

The superintendent or designee will establish procedures and/or practices for implementing this policy.

Cross references:	<u>Procedure 2410P</u>	<u>High School Graduation Requirements</u>
	Board Policy 3115	Enrollment Rights and Services for Homeless Students
	Procedure 3116P	Students in Out-of-Home (Foster) Care
	Board Policy 3121	Enrollment and Attendance Records
	Board Policy 3122	Attendance
Legal references:	Board Policy 3600	Student Records
	Board Policy 6100	Revenues from Local, State and Federal Sources
	RCW 26A.150.510	Transmittal of education records—
	RCW 26A.225.023	Disclosure of education records—Data-sharing agreements
	RCW 26A.225.215	Youth subject to a dependency proceeding—Review of unexpected or excessive absences—Support for youth's school work
		Enrollment of children without legal residences

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RCW 28A.225.330	Enrolling students from other districts— Requests for information and permanent records—Immunity from liability—Rules
RCW 28A.225.350	Students subject to a dependency proceeding—Best interest determinations
RCW 28A.320.148	Foster care liaison—Building point of contact
RCW 28A.320.192	On-time grade level progression and graduation of students who are homeless, subject to a dependency proceeding, at-risk youth or children, or have been released from an institutional education facility— Rules
RCW 74.13.550	Child placement—Policy of educational continuity
RCW 74.13.560	Educational continuity—Protocol development
20 U.S.C. 6301 et seq.	Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965
OSPI list of Foster Care Liaisons/DSHS Contacts	

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