

## **Students in Foster Care**

The Olympia School District acknowledges the crucial role we play in supporting the well-being of students in foster care and their families. We are committed to the goal that we can and will improve the educational outcomes and well-being of these particularly vulnerable students. To this end, we are committed to coordinate efforts to ensure the educational stability of students in foster care by working in partnership with foster families as well as with state and supporting agencies to this end.

The board recognizes that students in foster care often experience mobility in and out of the foster care system 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 foster care, particularly with regard to enrollment, transfer of student records, and transportation to their school of origin.

The superintendent or designee is authorized to establish procedures and/or practices for implementing this policy.

**Cross References:**

Policy 2410 High School Graduation Requirements  
Policy 3115 Homeless Students, Enrollment Rights & Services  
Policy 3120 Enrollment & Attendance Records  
Policy 3122 Excused and Unexcused Absences  
Policy 3231 Student Records

**Legal References:**

RCW 28A.150.510 Transmittal of education records to DSHS—Disclosure of educational records—Data-sharing agreements—Comprehensive needs requirement document--Report  
RCW 28A.225.023 Youth dependent pursuant to Chapter 3.34 RCW--Review of unexpected or excessive absences--Support for youth's school work  
RCW 28A.225.225 Enrollment of children without legal residences  
RCW 28A.225.330 Enrolling students from other districts—Requests for information and permanent records—Withheld transcripts--Immunity from liability—Notification to teachers and security personnel--Rules  
RCW 28A.320.192 On-time grade level progression and graduation of students who are dependent youth  
RCW 74.13.550 Child placement—Policy of educational continuity  
20 USC 6301 et seq. Elementary and Secondary Education Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)

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