

Data Standard Foster Care

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Overview

Description

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) as amended by Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) emphasizes the educational stability of vulnerable students, including those in foster care. Children in foster care face many educational barriers, including traumatization, high mobility, and undiagnosed behavioral and health conditions. ESEA section 1111(g) (1) (E) provides new guidelines for ensuring the educational stability of children in foster care. Title I Part A of ESEA requires Local Education Agencies (LEA) receiving Title I funds to collaborate with state or local child welfare agencies on local procedures for transportation for students in foster care.

Regulation citation(s)

[House Bill 312](#) Promote more expeditious enrollment of students in foster care transferring to a new school or district and the sharing of information among schools, districts, child's case worker and the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS).

[KRS 620.146](#) Notice to be given to school personnel of persons authorized to contact or remove a child of whom the cabinet has custody from school grounds.

Data use

Foster Care data will be used for public reporting via the [School Report Card](#) as a sub-group and for federal reporting purposes

Related ad-hoc filters and reports

- KY State Reporting / KDE Reports / QA Foster – quality assurance report to verify student foster care data. Reference the [Quick Reference Card](#) for additional information.
- KY State Reporting / KDE Reports / Student Records Transfer - The purpose of this report is to assist district personnel in monitoring records transfer requests for students enrolling from or withdrawing to other Kentucky school districts. A foster indicator assists districts in tracking compliance with HB 312 (2020) which creates specific time requirements for the enrollment, records request, and release of records for students in foster care. Reference the [Quick Reference Card](#) for additional information.

Resource(s)

- [Kentucky Department of Education's Foster Care website](#)
- [Foster Care Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Non-Regulatory Guidance: Ensuring Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care](#)
- [House Bill 33 \(KRS 620.146\) Guidance](#)

Training

- [Infinite Campus Community Foster Care Tab documentation](#)
- [Foster Care Student Transfer Record Training Webinar and PowerPoint](#)

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Section A – Foster Care

Campus Path: Student Information / Program Participation / Foster Care

The screenshot shows a web-based form for entering foster care information. It is split into two main sections. The top section, titled 'Foster Care Detail', contains a red asterisk next to the 'Start Date' field, an 'End Date' field, a 'School of Origin' text box, and a larger 'Comments (up to 255 characters)' text area. The bottom section, titled 'KY Foster Care Detail', contains several text boxes: 'Agency', 'DCBS Case Worker First Name', 'DCBS Case Worker Last Name', 'FosterID', and 'DCBS Case Worker Phone'.

KDE creates and publishes foster care records based on data received from the Cabinet for Health and Family Services (CHFS) on a weekly basis. Any district with an enrollment for a foster care student in the scope year will receive the foster care record regardless of start date or end date. The state created records will be *read only* in the district. CHFS does not contain student's school of origin so state records will leave this field blank. The state records will not affect Foster Care records created by the district. Only state created records will be used for state or federal reporting purposes.

Start Date: Enter the date when the student entered foster care. A new record should be created if a student exits foster care and returns later.

End Date: Enter the date when the student exited foster care.

The following fields are optional; enter data if desired for a district created record.

School of Origin: Enter the school/district in which student attended prior to placement in Foster Care.

Comments: Enter any additional comments relevant to placement.

Agency: Enter the foster care agency responsible for placement of child

DCBS Case Worker First Name: Enter the first name of the Department of Community Based Services case worker assigned to the student.

DCBS Case Worker Last Name: Enter the last name of the Department of Community Based Services case worker assigned to the student.

Foster ID: The foster identification number assigned to the child by the Department of Community Based Services when the child is placed in state agency care.

DCBS Case Worker Phone: Enter the phone number of the Department of Community Based Services case worker assigned to the student.