

## **Butte County Foster Youth Educational Placement Agreement (EPA): Notification, Stability, & School Transportation Plan**

### **Instructions:**

- Fill out an EPA each time that a child in foster care changes physical address/placement, regardless of whether the child will be changing schools.
- Fill out an EPA each time that a child in foster care changes schools, especially over the summer, during promotions, suspensions, and/or because of an IEP decision.
- Forward every EPA to BCOE School Ties at 530-879-2341, Eligibility, and attach it to the SOC 158.
  - This needs to happen within one business day of the change in address/placement, or change of school.
- Indicate whether it is Shelter Care or Ongoing Placement
  - A Shelter Care EPA needs only the Social Worker signature before it is sent to BCOE, Eligibility, and attached to the SOC 158.
  - An Ongoing Placement EPA needs only the Social Worker signature before it is sent to Eligibility, and attached to the SOC 158.
  - An Ongoing Placement EPA sent to BCOE will need the Social Worker signature and at least one other signature either from the person holding educational rights, or the student (if over ten years of age), or the student's attorney (if under the age of 10).
  - BCOE will only be forwarding an Ongoing Placement EPA to the Foster Youth Liaison to obtain their signature and return a copy to the listed Social Worker.
  - Any remaining signatures that might be needed are the responsibility of the listed Social Worker.
- Indicate whether the child will be remaining in the school of origin, or transferring to the school of residence depending on the best interest of the child.
  - If the decision is to remain in their school of origin, indicate what form of transportation will be utilized.
  - If the decision is to transfer to the school of residence, then typically they will use the transportation system in place at their new school, so transportation should not be indicated on the EPA.
- Provide a copy to the FFA/Foster Home/Caregiver.
- Place the completed copy in the child's case file under the education tab.
  - A completed EPA is one that has all the signatures necessary.
  - Ultimately, this is the responsibility of the social worker who is assigned at the time of the change.
- This form is extremely important for several reasons:
  - Initiates transportation payments
  - Stops transportation payment that might already be in place
  - Documents the decision made by the parties involved in the case
  - Notifies the school of current emergency contact information
  - Notifies BCOE School Ties of changes so they can make adjustments in the CWS/CMS

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Placement Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Placement is:  Emergency/Shelter Care  Ongoing Placement  
 Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ DOB: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School of Origin: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Person Holding Educational Rights: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Home/Cell Phone of Person Holding Educational Rights: \_\_\_\_\_  
 County Social Worker: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Caregiver Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Foster Family Agency (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student Receives Special Education Services (or has an IEP):  Yes  No  Process of testing  Unknown

**The above identified student is entering/changing foster care placement. It is agreed in accordance with EC 48853.5, that it is in the best interest of the student to: (check one)**

**Continue attending the school of origin:**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of School: \_\_\_\_\_

**Transportation:**

- School District will provide bussing per IEP (special education)
- Caregiver will purchase Public Transportation / bus pass with a monthly payment (see page 2 for rates)
- FFA / Foster Parent / Caregiver will drive with a monthly payment (see page 2 for rates)
- Other: regular school bus /bike /walk /caregiver will transport without reimbursement

**OR**

**Transfer to new school (neighborhood school where child is placed):**

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address of New School: \_\_\_\_\_  
 School District: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of transfer: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If the school of origin liaison disagrees with the Education Rights Holder and the student, a written explanation must be attached)*

**Persons involved in making the decision according to CA Rule of Court 5.651: (person holding ed. rights, student or attorney must sign)**

**Please contact BCOE School Ties for assistance with getting the Educational Liaison Signature.**

(Print) School of Origin Educational Liaison	Signature	Date
(Print) Person Holding Educational Rights	Signature	Date
(Print) Student Name (and/or Attorney)	Signature	Date
(Print) Social Worker	Signature	Date

**Please note: The Social Worker signature is the ONLY signature required on the EPA that goes to Foster Care eligibility to ensure timely transportation payments. Please attach this form to SOC 158.**

- 1. Fax Copy to Fax: 530-879-2341 Attn: BCOE School Ties**
- 2. Attach copy to SOC 158 and forward to Foster Care Eligibility**
- 3. Copy to FFA / Foster Home / Caregiver AND Copy in child's case file**

The rates to be paid to foster family home providers including licensed foster parents, approved relatives, certified foster parents, small family licensees and NREFMs, for each foster child, whose educational stability plan indicates that the child will remain in the school of origin are as follows:

Distance from Foster Care Placement to School of Origin (in miles) One Way	Educational Travel Rate per Month per Child
0 to 3.4 miles	\$0
3.5 to 8.4 miles	\$58
8.5 to 13.4 miles	\$154
13.5 to 18.4 miles	\$250
18.5 to 23.4 miles	\$347
23.5 or more miles	\$443

Public transportation passes are reimbursed at the flat rates of \$25, \$50, or \$75 dollars per month per child, as determined by the placement agency.