

Student Services Division  
Foster Care  
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## Department Overview

The Foster Care Department supports students in foster care in the Clark County School District. Students in foster care are provided specific rights based on several laws including the Every Student Succeeds Act, the Uninterrupted Scholars Act, Nevada Revised Statute 388.155, and Assembly Bill 491. The principal at each school selects a staff member to act in the role of school-based foster care advocate. This person, in coordination with the Foster Care Department, works to ensure students in foster care are afforded their rights and provided the same opportunities for academic success as all students in the district.

The Foster Care Department also maintains a list of surrogate parents and assigns a surrogate parent as required.

## Performance Measures

**Communication:** The Foster Care Department maintains ongoing communication with schools, parents, and community partners, through monthly meetings, email messages, and phone calls.

**Consistency:** The Foster Care Department demonstrates consistency by using procedures to identify students in foster care, maintain students at their school of origin, and support schools.

**Customer Service:** The Foster Care Department uses a survey link contained in each email sent to parents, community members, and schools to monitor customer service.

## Department Services

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- Coordinate with the Department of Family Services regarding students in foster care.
- Maintain an accurate list of students in foster care in Infinite Campus.
- Communicate with schools regarding identification, enrollment, and free lunch as they relate to students in foster care.
- Communicate with schools regarding academic plan procedures for students in foster care enrolled in Grades Pre-K through 5.
- Maintain a list of school-based foster care advocates.
- Meet monthly with foster care stakeholders.
- Coordinate school of origin requests for students in foster care.
- Coordinate with the Clark County School District Transportation Department.
- Assist in resolving issues regarding students in foster care.
- Collaborate with schools, the Department of Family Services, and Legal Aid to determine if a student in foster care requires a surrogate parent.
- Maintain a pool of volunteer surrogate parents who attend special education meetings when there is no parent to represent the student.

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