

FOSTER CARE

NOTES

WHO ARE WE

- The Foster Care Unit is part of Student Services withing Broward County Public Schools.
- Contact information
- Main Number 754-321-1565 (LaTonya Graves-Beasley)
- Guidance Director 754-321-1559 (Lori Bardwell)
- Supervisor 754-321-1557 (Krissa Ericson)
- Unit Email monitored by team: Fostercare@browardschools.com

BRIEF BREAKDOWN

- We have over 1000 students listed as Foster Care.
- Some of them are in Group Homes, License Care facilities, Residential, Shelters, as well as family care of which the one thing they all have in common is they are under the jurisdiction of the courts which is why is so important to have them coded.
- It is possible for a student to be living with their parent and coded as foster care, that simply means the family case is under department supervision and the court has jurisdiction.
- Foster Care Students are allowed to remain at the current school or school of origin even if they are placed outside of the zone (keeping the student at current school allows the student to have some form of stability during this time) as transportation request will be submitted by our team

IMTs / IMS & REGISTRARS

- Please make sure we have your name and the name of your Foster Care Designee, if you are from a charter school please send us your name and email address, your title as well as your Foster Care Designee name and email address
- Once you have received paperwork from Foster Care office, please enter **all** the information listed on the REC form and follow our instruction sheet.
- Some of the students are in a more permanent setting than others so please update A03 panel and A05 panel each time we send you an REC form.
- NEW ENROLLMENT – if someone comes in and states they have a foster care student please contact our office before fully completing your enrollment process.
- CODING OF FOSTER CARE STUDENTS – please contact our office once you have completed the enrollment of a foster care student so we may activate / re-activate the code.
- WITHDRAWAL OF FOSTER CARE - Foster care students are under the jurisdiction of the courts therefore they can not switch schools without being approved through the ESSA Staffing process.

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

- AGENCY VISITS - if any agency comes to inquire about a student, they must provide State Issued ID, and Agency ID; if they are a Guardian Ad Litem or the Attorney, they should provide you with Court Order showing they are assigned to the case. Please make a copy of that information for your school records.
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- A23 PANEL- Foster care students are coded on the A23 panel so if you notice a Foster Care student is not coded, please contact our office.
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- BASIS – If you have access to BASIS, you will see an active list of your schools Foster Care Students listed under DCF, so if you notice a student who was previously a foster care student but not showing on your active list, please send us their name and we will do some research.
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- ALERT – if you attempt to withdraw a student that is coded as foster care, an alert will appear that says contact foster care office for approval, (It's not a glitch so please don't contact the HELP Desk about it) PLEASE simply contact this office 754-321-1565 or email us fostercare@browardschools.com.

IMPORTANT COURT INFORMATION

- CONFIDENTIALITY – Restraining Orders are allowed in Cum folders BUT Foster Care Court Orders should not be in Cum folders, it should be in a secured location designated by your Foster Care Designee, and it is not to be copied nor shared.
- SUPERVISED VISITS - If the form says the parent has supervised visits that means visitations are held at ChildNet so the parent should not have contact with the child/student at school. If the student is scheduled for an IEP then the parent should be contacted separately from everyone else.
- TPR'd – if the parent's rights have been terminated, please list that in the note section of A05 "Parents Rights Terminated"