

MARSHALL COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

Administrative Procedures

6.16

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**Revised Date:**

**Section:** Students

**Subject:** Students in Foster Care: Transportation

**Related Policy:** 6.505 Students in Foster Care

**I. DEFINITIONS**

**II. PROCEDURES**

Marshall County School System (MCSS) will collaborate with Department of Childrens' Services (DCS) to ensure that children in foster care needing transportation to the school of origin will promptly receive transportation **within five days** of the BID meeting in a cost-effective manner and in accordance with §475(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675(4)(A)). If there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin for children in foster care, the ESSA specifies that the MCSS will provide transportation **if**:

- The child welfare agency agrees to reimburse the district for the cost of such transportation;
- MCSS agrees to pay the cost of such transportation; or
- MCSS and the child welfare agency agree to share the cost of such transportation.

Transportation needs and possible costs for a student in foster care will be documented on the **Transportation to the School of Origin** form.

DCS will provide transportation during the five school days from the time the Education Specialist notifies the MCSS's Point of Contact until the Best Interest Determination meeting is held, and for up to five additional school days after the Best Interest Determination meeting if the school system needs to make transportation arrangements in order to keep the student in the school of origin.

ESSA mandates school stability and transportation necessary to ensure school stability until students exit foster care. The guidance from the Federal DOE strongly urges states to extend these rights until the end of the school year in which the student exits foster care.

**III. ATTACHMENTS**

Transportation to School of Origin Form

Signature on File

*Jacob Sorrells, Director of Schools*

Signature on File

*DCS Representative*