

Transportation Plan
Between
(LEA) Clarke County Schools
And
(DHR) Clarke County Department of Human Resources
Transportation Procedures:

To ensure the educational stability of Foster Care youth:

Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) requirements

Part 1. LEA and DHR Representative(s) Included in Designing the Local Transportation Plan

Local Education Agency Representatives	Title
1) Larry Bagley	Superintendent, Clarke County Schools
2) Gwen O. Powell	Director of Federal Programs
3) Paul Stanley	Transportation Director
4) Angie Jordan	Special Education Director

County Children and Youth Agency Representatives	Title
1) Jaquel Taylor	Director, Clarke County DHR
2) Janice Chapman	Quality Assurance/Resources Service Supervisor, Clarke County DHR

Part 2. Addressing Transportation Assurances to Ensure Educational Stability (ESEA 1112(c)(5)(B))

- A) Procedure the LEA and DHR will follow to promptly **provide** transportation to foster care youth.
1. The Clarke County DHR Education Liaison and/or designee will notify Clarke County School System Foster Care Liaison and/or designee by phone or email when a foster care youth is in need of transportation to school of origin due to a change in placement and/or upon coming into foster care. Clarke County DHR will provide foster care youth's name, date of birth and school of origin, current address of the foster care youth. DHR will also provide the name of the case worker and contact numbers for the worker.
 2. The Clarke County School System Foster Care Liaison and/or designee will communicate with the DHR worker, the school of origin and the CCSS transportation department to determine what transportation arrangement are available
 3. Clarke County DHR and the CCSS will coordinate the arrangement of interim transportation to the school of origin.
- B) Procedure the LEA and DHR will follow to promptly **arrange** transportation for foster care youth.

1. The CCSS Foster Care Liaison and/ or designee will complete a “foster care transportation request” to the CCSS transportation department through email communication.
 2. The CCSS transportation department will endeavor to utilize existing bus routes and special education bus routes to accommodate these requests.
 3. THE CCSS Foster Care Liaison and/or designee will communicate updates to the Clarke County DHR Education Liaison and/or DHR Foster Care worker.
 4. IF the foster care youth does not need to stay in the school or origin due to safety concerns and/or best interest determination, the CCSS Foster Care Liaison and the Clarke County DHR Education Liaison will notify the school of origin and the new school the foster care youth will attend.
- C) Procedure the LEA and DHR will follow to ensure transportation is **funded** in a cost-effective manner and in accordance with Section 475 (4)(A) of the Social Security Act.
1. CCSS and CCDHR agree to split the “additional costs” of transporting foster care youth.
 2. CCSS will set aside a portion of local funds and Title I funds in a specified line item for foster care transportation.
 3. CCDHR will set aside a portion of local funds before the beginning of the school year to spend for transportation of foster care youth.
 4. CCSS and CCDHR will meet at the end of the first semester (December 2018) to discuss how this plan is working and if there are any changes needed.

Part 3: Addressing Additional Costs

If there are **additional costs** incurred in providing transportation to the school of origin, the LEA will provide such transportation if (please complete the relevant field):

- ☐ A) DHR agrees to reimburse the LEA for the cost of such transportation. *Please describe the circumstances and procedures for when DHR agrees to reimburse the LEA for the additional cost of transportation.*

- ☐ B) The LEA agrees to pay for the cost. *Please describe the circumstances and procedures for when the LEA agrees to pay for the additional costs.*

XX C) The LEA and DHR agree to share the cost. *Please describe the circumstance and procedures for when the LEA and DHR agree to share the additional costs.*

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- 3. CCDHR will set aside a portion of local funds before the beginning of the school year to spend for transportation of foster care youth.
- 4. CCSS and CCDHR will pay by expense account to assist in interim transportation for foster care youth.
- 5. CCSS and CCDHR will meet at the end of the first semester (December 2018) to discuss how this plan is working and if there are any changes needed.

Part 4. Considering Low-Cost or No-Cost Transportation Options for Foster Care Youth

On a case-by-case student basis, additional low-cost or no-cost options for transportation of students in foster care should be explored. Please carefully review the following no-cost or lost-cost options for transportation and indicate with a check mark if the LEA and DHR agree to explore these transportation funding options on a case-by-case basis.

No-Cost or Low-Cost Options	LEA	DHR
The child may be dropped off at a school bus stop near the existing transportation system for the school of origin. Communication between the current and new school districts is critical.	X	X
The foster parents or other family member(s) are willing and able to transport the child to school.	X	X
The child is already eligible for transportation covered by other programs. For example, individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) funds may be used to pay for transportation services if the child's IEP Team determines transportation is a related service that is required for a child with disabilities in foster care to receive FAPE.	X	
The school district of residence, school district of origin, and placing DHR may be willing to share transportation costs.	X	X

Additional low-cost or no-cost options for transportation of students in foster care which may be unique to your local context.

1. Mileage
2. Set daily expenditure rate agreed upon by all parties

Part 5. Local transportation dispute resolution process between LEA and DHR (ESEA 111(g)(1)(i) and 1112(c)(5)(B)(i)).

1. CCDHR and CCSS will work closely together to ensure that foster care youth can remain in their school of origin when the foster care youth comes into foster care and/or if the foster care youth must change foster care placements.
2. CCDHR will notify CCSS if the foster care youth cannot stay in the school of origin due to safety or other best-interest determinations.

3. IF CCSS, the foster care youth or the educational decision maker disputes CCDHR's decision, the foster care youth must stay in the school of origin and CCSS must arrange transportation to the school of origin until the dispute is resolved.

Part 6. Updates and Revisions

Updates and revisions to this local transportation plan should be made as needed; any updates or revision must be submitted to the Alabama State Department of Education. Best practice recommends that an updated plan be submitted every three years, as contractual updates follow this timeline.

Clarke County School System (LEA) and Clarke County DHR (DHR) agree to update and revise this local transportation plan as needed or every three years to coincide with their contractual timelines.

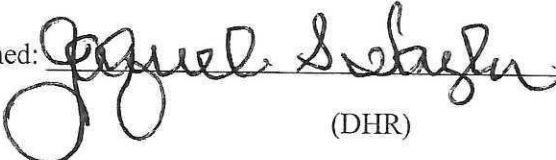
This agreement will be reviewed and approved by both agencies:

Clarke County DHR

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Grove Hill, AL 36451

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Jaquel Taylor, Interim Director (DHR)

Signed:  Date 8 30 19
(DHR)

Clarke County School System
155 West Cobb Street
Grove Hill, AL 36451

Printed Name: Larry Bagley
Larry Bagley, Superintendent of Education (LEA)

Signed:  Date: / /
(LEA)