



# FOSTER YOUTH EDUCATION RIGHTS



## 1. RIGHT TO REMAIN IN YOUR SCHOOL OF ORIGIN

- ◆ You have the right to stay in the same school after you move to a new foster care placement.
- ◆ Your school district must work with you, your education rights holder, your caregiver, and your social worker/probation officer to develop a plan to transport you to your school of origin.

## 2. RIGHT TO IMMEDIATE ENROLLMENT IN SCHOOL

- ◆ You have the right to immediately enroll in your new school after you change placements.
- ◆ Your previous school must send your education records to your new school after you enroll.
- ◆ You have the right to participate in all student activities and programs available at your school.

## 3. RIGHT TO PARTIAL CREDITS FOR HIGH SCHOOL

- ◆ If you change schools during the school year, you have a right to partial credits in all classes that you are passing when you leave your old school.

## 4. GRADUATION RIGHTS

- ◆ You have the right to stay in high school for a fifth year to complete your school district graduation requirements, even if you are over 18.
- ◆ If you are behind on your credits and transferred schools after 10th grade, you may be eligible to graduate under AB 167/216.

## 5. COLLEGE RIGHTS

- ◆ You have the right to have the application fee waived when you apply to a community college in California and to four-year colleges through your school counselor.
- ◆ You have the right to receive the maximum amount of federal student aid.

## 6. SCHOOL DISCIPLINE RIGHTS

- ◆ You cannot be suspended for more than five school days in a row or for more than 20 days in a school year. If you do receive more suspensions, you must change schools.
- ◆ You have the right to be told why you are being suspended and the right to provide your version of events before you are suspended.

## 7. RIGHT TO YOUR SCHOOL RECORDS

- ◆ You have the right to access your school records if you are 16 years or older or have finished the 10th grade.
- ◆ Your social worker/probation officer and education rights holder can access your school records as well.

### \* Education Rights Holder

Every foster youth under the age of 18 must have an education rights holder, who is required to make education decisions in the youths best interest.

\*If you need information about who your education rights holder is, you can contact your social worker or attorney.

For more information, please contact one of your local Foster Youth representatives listed below:

Your Local School District  
Education Liaison:

Your FYSCP County Contact:



77 Santa Barbara Road  
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523  
(925) 942-3300

Your FYSCP State Contact:

California Department of Education  
1430 N Street, Suite 6208  
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901  
916-319-0836, Fax 916-319-0961