

A Newsletter from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Wisconsin Act 251

We've previously outlined the changes made under 2017 Wisconsin Act 251 in regards to notice to schools for Permanency Plan reviews. In this issue, we take a closer look at another provision with major impact on districts. Under the Act, [Wis. Stat. sec 118.125\(4\)](#) was changed to require LEAs to transfer records "No later than the next working day." This means once an LEA that a student previously attended receives notice of enrollment in a new school, the LEA must transfer pupil records to the new school no later than the next working day.

The statute applies to all students, not just those living in out-of-home care. In your role as a Foster Care Point of Contact, you help maintain the education stability of all students when you ensure your district has the policies and procedures established to ensure pupil record transfer occurs in a timely fashion required under law. The [Wisconsin Legislative Council Act Memo](#) gives a quick breakdown of each of the changes made under Act 251.

ABA Transportation Tool

The American Bar Association's Legal Center for Foster Care & Education has developed multiple resources to assist LEAs in developing or revising their transportation procedures. [This guidance document](#) provides insight into the requirements and potential options, when working with other LEAs and child welfare agencies, to develop transportation procedures and ensuring students have transportation when necessary. There are templates available to support [policy development](#) and [individual student transportation plans](#).



Each LEA must develop and implement clear written transportation procedures to ensure students placed in out-of-home care are able to continue attending their school of origin without disruption. These procedures must outline how the transportation will be provided, arranged, and funded for the time the student is placed in out-of-home care. These procedures should be developed in collaboration with the local child welfare agency.

May is National Foster Care Month

Thank you for all you do to support our students in out-of-home care. [Click](#)



[here for more information on National Foster Care Month.](#)

Update Foster Care Points of Contact!

Please ensure the identified LEA Foster Care Point of Contact is up-to-date in the School Directory. The information can be updated via the School Directory application online (directions to access the directory are [here](#)). Thank you!

Wisconsin DPI Links

- [DPI Out of Home Care website](#)
- [Promoting Excellence for All: eCourse](#)
- [Student Records and Confidentiality](#)
- [Trauma-Sensitive Schools](#)
- [Wisconsin Education Calendar](#)

Other Links

- [DCF - Education Points of Contact Map](#)
- [Disproportionality Technical Assistance NETWORK Calendar](#)

Reach out to your EDUPOC

As the school year is winding down, we recommend checking in with the [Education Point of Contact \(EDUPOC\)](#) of the child welfare agencies you worked with most this year. Take some time to evaluate the procedures and processes you developed together and see where there is room for improvement. The DPI has [model transportation procedures](#) that might be helpful to compare or adapt to make your own.

Professional Development Opportunities

| Conference | Date | Location |
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| Wisconsin PBIS Leadership Conference | August 13-14 | Wisconsin Dells (with options for live stream at several local CESAs) |
| Wisconsin Rtl Center: Leadership and Coaching for Systems Change | Six day training series throughout the school year | Variety of locations and dates: Ashland , Fond du Lac , Green Bay , Wisconsin Dells |
| CESA 5 Mental Health & Behavior Summit | September 23-24 | Wisconsin Dells |
| 2019 Conference on Child Welfare and the Courts | September 25-27 | Wisconsin Dells |
| Building the Heart of Successful Schools Conference | December 5-6 | Wisconsin Dells |

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