

Foster Youth Educational Rights

- **School stability:** remain in their original school and school feeder pattern as long as they are in foster care (if in their best interests).
- **Immediate enrollment:** be immediately enrolled in a new school (even without uniforms or health/education records)
- **Partial Credit:** receive partial or full credit for work completed at other schools (all students have this right)
- **Fairness:** not be punished or have grades lowered for court-related absences.
- **Modified graduation requirements:** be exempt from school district graduation requirements that exceed state graduation requirements IF: Foster youth transfers to the district, or transfers from one high school to another within a district, after their 2nd year of high school; Is unable to complete the additional district requirements while eligible for foster care.
- **Equal access to activities and resources:** access educational services and participate in extracurricular and enrichment activities available to all students.
- **Least restrictive placement:** remain in their local public school or school of origin, unless they have an IEP requiring a different placement or the education rights holder determines a different program is in the child's best interest.
- **Speedy transfer of records:** have their records transfer to their new school within 2 business days
- **Allow county placing agencies to access students' records.**
- **Designate an AB 490 educational liaison** for every district and county office of education to help foster youth directly.