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|  <p><b>TUCSON UNIFIED</b><br/>SCHOOL DISTRICT</p> <p><b>GOVERNING BOARD REGULATION</b></p> | <p>REGULATION TITLE:</p> <p>Arrangement and Funding of Transportation of Children in Foster Care to School of Origin</p> |
|   | <p>REGULATION CODE: JFABDA-R2</p>  |

**Definitions**            The term "children in foster care" means children who are under twenty-four (24) hour substitute care while placed away from their parents or guardians and for whom the Child Welfare Agency (DCS or tribal) has placement and care responsibility.

The term "school of origin" means the school that the student attended when permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled, including preschool.

**Notice of Placement in Foster Care**            Immediately upon receipt of DCS “Notification of Placement in Foster Care”, the Principal of the student’s school of origin shall notify TUSD’s Foster Care Point of Contact and the Transportation Department.

- Coordination of Services**            The Foster Care Point of Contact shall:
- A. Ensure that children in foster care remain in their school of origin pending a DCS determination of placement; and
  - B. Collaborate with the DCS to assure school stability and transportation.
  - C. Shall be responsible for maintenance and updates of any applicable MOUs or IGAs with DCS or other agencies responsible for transportation of children in foster care.

- Immediate Transportation**            The Transportation Department shall:
- A. ensure that children in foster care needing transportation to the school of origin will promptly receive transportation in a cost-effective manner and in accordance with Section 475(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675 (4)(A)); and
  - B. ensure that, if there are additional costs incurred in providing transportation to maintain children in foster care in their schools

of origin, Tucson Unified School District will provide transportation to the school of origin if:

- a. The Department of Child Safety (DCS) agrees to reimburse TUSD for the cost of such transportation;
- b. DCS agrees to reimburse TUSD for the cost of such transportation;
- c. DCS and TUSD agree to share the cost of such transportation.

ADOPTED: March 31, 2020

CROSS REF:

JFABDA Admission of Students in Foster Care  
JFABDA-R1 Admission of Students in Foster Care