Local Educational Agency

Transportation Plan to Ensure School Stability for Students in Foster Care

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Duration of Transportation

If transportation to school of origin is required in order to maintain school stability for students in foster care, Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center INC., in collaboration with the local child welfare agency (CWA), will ensure that said transportation will be provided for the duration of the child(ren)'s time in foster care.

How Transportation Will Be Provided, Arranged, and Funded

- 1. Interim transportation should be addressed to ensure no delays for the student in foster care while transportation is being worked out between the parties. Describe how this LEA will promptly provide, arrange, and fund interim transportation for children in foster care as they collaborate with the CWA to institute a child's long term transportation plan. Public bus passes will be provided. If a public bus is not available AAEC will reimburse the transport party for current IRS mileage rate to and from the closest public bus location to the student's current residence.
- 2. Describe how this LEA will examine existing transportation options available for students in foster care. AAEC provides public bus passes for students to and from school.
- 3. Describe how this LEA will ensure that children in foster care will promptly receive transportation to their school of origin in a cost effective manner & in accordance with section 475(4)(A) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C. 675 (4)(A)) AAEC will provide public bus tickets for students for transportation back and forth to school. If there is a situation where a public bus is not available, AAEC will reimburse the foster guardian for the current IRS mileage rate to and from the closest bus stop location to the student's current residence, until a term agreement can be worked out between CWA and AAEC.

These transportation procedures were instituted on the following date. July 1st 2022

Authorized Signature for Arizona Agribusiness & Equine Center