



SCHOOL-TO-SCHOOL TRANSITION CHECKLIST

For Receiving Public Schools

WORKING TOGETHER FOR STUDENTS

■ School-to-School Transition Planning

- Who is the primary contact at the Interim-Program School or Special Purpose School where the student last attended?
- Did the Interim-Program School or Special Purpose School discuss the *School-to-School Transition Checklist* with the student?
- What needs to be done for the student to return to or enroll in school?
 - Has this been discussed with the student; parents, guardian or foster parent; and designated child welfare/juvenile justice staff?
 - Do they have questions or concerns related to this transition?
If Yes: How will those questions or concerns be addressed?

■ Student Support Systems

- Who should the student go to at this school with questions or concerns?
 - Is this person aware of the student's return or enrollment and their role in working with the child?
 - Has the student met this person yet? If not, when can this occur?
- Who at this school is going to meet with the student on a regular basis during this transition?

■ Child Welfare/Juvenile Justice Contacts

- Who is the primary child welfare and/or juvenile justice contact(s) for the student?
- Will designated child welfare/juvenile justice staff be meeting with the student at school?
 - What is the student's preference about those meetings occurring during school?
 - How will the student be notified during school of those meetings in a manner that protects privacy?

■ Parental Involvement

- Have the student's biological or adoptive parents' rights been relinquished or terminated by the Court?
If Yes: Who is the student's guardian or foster parent(s)?
- Do the student's biological or adoptive parents retain education decision-making rights?
If No: Who is responsible for making education decisions on behalf of the student?
 - Has the Court or school district appointed a surrogate parent to make education decisions on behalf of the student?
- Who will be attending Parent/Teacher Conferences for the student?
- Have any "No Contact" orders been issued by the Court?
If Yes: Do the court orders prohibit or limit the circumstances in which a family member can have contact with the student?

■ Information Sharing

- What education records and information are needed for the student to return to or enroll in school?
 - Has the school district received those records and information from the school last attended?
 - Has the school district received the required health, immunization and school physical records?
 - **If the student has a disability**, has the school district received the *Individualized Education Plan (IEP)*, *Multidisciplinary Team (MDT) Report* and other special education records?
- Has a copy of this school's *Student Handbook*, *Student Code of Conduct* and *School Calendar* been provided to the student; parents, guardian or foster parent; and/or designated child welfare/juvenile justice staff?
- What information needs to be shared with the parents, guardian, foster parent and/or designated child welfare/juvenile justice staff about the student's adjustment to the new school, attendance, grades and academic progress?
- What information about the student's past or current involvement in the court system needs to be shared with the new school?

HEALTH FACTORS AFFECTING EDUCATION

■ Health Factors

- Does the student have any health factors that impact his or her ability to learn or attend school regularly?
If Yes: What are those health factors?
 - How does this impact the student's education?
 - What supports are needed from the school district to address this?



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GENERAL EDUCATION

■ School Transportation

- Who is responsible for providing transportation for the student to and from school?
- Is school bus transportation needed?
- Who is authorized to pick the student up after school, for appointments or court appearances?

■ School Lunches

- Has a school lunch account with adequate funds been set up for the student?
- Is the student eligible for free or reduced school lunches?

■ Student's Talents and Interests

- What are the student's talents and interests?

■ Academic Credits and Courses

- Have the academic credits earned by the student while attending the Interim-Program School or Special Purpose School been transferred and accepted by the school district?
- What courses will the student be taking at the new school?
- Does the student have a full class schedule?

■ Graduation Requirements

- Does the student understand the school district's academic credit system and high school graduation requirements?
- Where is the student currently in relation to meeting the school district's graduation requirements?

■ Credit Recovery Programs

- If the student is currently behind on academic credits, will he or she be involved in a credit recovery program at the new school?
- What academic supports or programs are needed to assist the student?
 - Who at the new school will be providing those supports and assistance?

■ Advanced Placement (AP) Classes and Dual Enrollment Classes

- Has the student been identified as a high ability learner?
- Is the student interested and eligible for Advanced Placement (AP) classes?
If Yes: What type of AP classes?
 - Who is responsible for any fees associated with AP classes being applied toward college?
- Is the student interested and eligible for Dual Enrollment (high school and college credit) classes?
If Yes: What type of Dual Enrollment classes?
 - Who is responsible for any fees associated with Dual Enrollment classes?

■ Summer School

- Will the student be participating in summer school?
If Yes: Has the student registered for summer school? In which classes and on what schedule?
 - Who is responsible for any expenses associated with the student attending summer school?

■ Extracurricular Activities

- In what type of extracurricular activities is the student interested?
- Does the student meet the eligibility requirements for extracurricular activities?
- Is there a waiting period before the student can participate in extracurricular activities?
- Who is responsible for any expenses associated with the student's participation in extracurricular activities?

DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATIONS

■ Student Assistance Team (SAT) and 504 Plans

- Has the student, parent or guardian had or requested a SAT meeting, *504 Evaluation*, *504 Plan*, and/or related services?
- Does the student have a current *504 Plan*?
If Yes: Does the student have an education advocate participating on the SAT and in *504 Plan* reviews?

■ Special Education for Students with Disabilities

- Has the student been evaluated by a *Multidisciplinary Team (MDT)* for a disability eligible for special education and related services under the federal *Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)*?
- Does the student have a current *Individualized Education Plan (IEP)*?
If Yes: When is the student's *IEP* next due for review by the *IEP Team*?
 - Will the Interim-Program School, Special Purpose School and/or designated child welfare/juvenile justice staff be involved?

■ English Language Learners (ELL)

- Is the student eligible for *ELL* classes? **If Yes:** Is the student enrolled in *ELL* classes?
- Do the student and/or parents need a translator or interpreter?
If Yes: In which language?
 - Has the *Student Handbook*, *Student Code of Conduct* and *School Calendar* been provided in that language?

CAREER EXPLORATION AND POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITIES

■ Career Exploration and Work Study Programs

- Has the student taken any career exploration classes?
If No: When should the student enroll in those classes?
- Is the student interested and eligible for the new school's Work Study Program?

■ Post-High School Options

- Does the student plan to continue his or her education after high school graduation?
If Yes: Has the School Counselor assisted the student in exploring college or other post-secondary education programs?
 - What needs to be done so the student can attend college or other post-secondary education program?
- *If No:* What post-high school options have been explored with the student, such as career training, employment or military?