

Policy Transmittal
Office of Child Welfare Programs



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Topic: Foster Care

Transmitting (check the box that best applies):

- New policy
 Policy change
 Policy clarification
 Executive letter
 Administrative Rule
 Manual update
 Other:

Applies to (check all that apply):

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| <input type="checkbox"/> All DHS employees | <input type="checkbox"/> County Mental Health Directors |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Area Agencies on Aging: {Select type} | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aging and People with Disabilities | <input type="checkbox"/> Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Self Sufficiency Programs | <input type="checkbox"/> ODDS Children’s Intensive In Home Services |
| <input type="checkbox"/> County DD program managers | <input type="checkbox"/> Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Child Welfare Programs | |

Policy/rule title:	Educational Services for a Child or Young Adult in Substitute Care		
Policy/rule number(s):	413-105-0000 to 413-105-0090		
Effective date:	June 26, 2018		
References:			
Web address:	http://www.dhs.state.or.us/policy/childwelfare/manual_1/division_105.pdf		

Discussion/interpretation:

The education rules were updated to include federal and state law changes which add education protections for students in foster care, under the [Every Student Succeeds Act](#) (ESSA).

The education rules have been pulled out of division 100, Funding Eligibility, and been assigned to division 105, Educational Services for a Child or Young Adult in Substitute Care.

There have been adjustments to the approval process for alternative, charter, GED, and home schooling process, in an effort to better ensure the best education setting for children in foster care.

Implementation/transition instructions: Review with child welfare staff and foster parents.

Training/communication plan: The PSU education trainings for foster parents and caseworkers will be updated to include the new laws and procedures. Additional training for casework staff will be developed. There is also a technical assistance manual, jointly created by DHS and Oregon Dept. of Education, [available online](#).

Local/branch action required: Program Managers, supervisors, and caseworkers should review for changes to practice.

Central office action required: Supervisors, consultants, and coordinators should review for updates in practice.

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