



Procedure - Students in Foster Care

Students in foster care are more likely than their peers to experience adverse educational outcomes. In accordance with the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), the Gate City Charter School for the Arts (GCCSA) has established the following procedure to promote educational stability for this vulnerable student population.

1. The district will appoint a Foster Care Liaison, Jenn Blanchette, to coordinate with the welfare agency, any public school district, or any other agency as applicable, to ensure that the student experiences a smooth transition in accordance with the Every Child Succeeds Act of 2015 Foster Youth and Juvenile Justice Provisions.
2. As a state authorized public charter school, any New Hampshire resident is eligible to join the GCCSA for enrollment at no cost to the family. A student already enrolled in GCCSA who is placed in foster care or who changed foster placements may move from one New Hampshire home to another without disruption to the student's enrollment in GCCSA, as long as it is in the student's best interest.
3. GCCSA will accept and use the Immediate Public School Enrollment Form for Students in DCYF Care (Appendix D) to ensure immediate enrollment while awaiting records from the student's prior school or home district even if they last records typically required for enrollment.
4. GCCSA's Foster Care Liaison, Jenn Blanchette will coordinate with the welfare agency, any public school district, or any other agency, as applicable, to coordinate transportation for a student in need.