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Ensuring Educational Stability

ESSA Key Provisions for Students in Foster Care

- Collaboration
- School Placement - Best Interest Determination (BID)
- Transportation
- Immediate Enrollment and Records Transfer
- ESSA Reporting Requirements



Hawai`i DOE Snapshot

Students in Foster Care Reporting Requirements

School Year 2018-2019* In 292 Schools (256 public, 36 charter)

- 179,698 total students enrolled statewide
 - 1,101 or 0.6% are Students in Foster Care
- Statewide high school graduation rate 85%
 - Students in foster care 44%
- Statewide 53% met or exceeded standards in English Language Arts
 - 30% of students in foster care who tested met or exceeded
- Statewide 42% met or exceeded standards in math
 - 20% of students in foster care who tested met or exceeded
- Statewide 44% met or exceeded standards in science
 - 26% of students in foster care who tested met or exceeded



Long Term Projects In Motion

- Approval of the Memorandum of Agreement - Joint Procedural Guidance for Ensuring Educational Stability
- Training to implement the approved joint procedural guidance
- Finalizing the DOE Directory of Foster Care Points of Contact
- Publish web page
- Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding - Electronic Data Sharing
- Collaboration between DHS and DOE to implement the electronic data sharing



Short Term Projects in Motion

- MOU for manual data sharing
 - Immediate identification of students in foster care for school level points of contact to provide student support
 - Report educational outcomes of students in foster care
- Training for school level foster care points of contact to understand
 - The key provisions to ensure educational stability in ESSA
 - Supports currently available to ensure school placement is in the best interest of students
 - Rights of Students in Foster Care
 - Community resources



Aloha and Mahalo

We remain fully committed to promoting educational stability and improving educational outcomes for students in foster care and will continue to collaborate with all of our partners in the executive branches and in the community.

