

Foster Care Transportation Policy
Volusia County Schools

Since school stability is essential for educational success, the district will, if feasible and in the child's best interest, provide transportation to and from the school of origin for a child or youth in foster care. Transportation will be provided for the entire time the child or youth has a right to attend that school, as defined in the law, including during disputes. Transportation options include:

- assignment on a district bus, if routing and personnel available
- payment of mileage to the parent, which is done on a reimbursement method each month (isolated transportation)
- providing monthly VOTRAN passes if student is age-appropriate and other options are not feasible

If the registrar determines there is an issue of transportation with a student in foster care, the foster care point of contact should be contacted. The foster care point of contact requests transportation to and from the school of origin for all children and youth in foster care. Zoning will provide the variance code so all records can be updated.

When transportation is requested for a child or youth in foster care who is attending a school out of zone, the registrar will properly code in Cross Pointe (O in Needs and Y in Transportation). By doing this, GIS/Routing Department will be alerted and will assess the feasibility of assigning the student(s) to a bus stop.