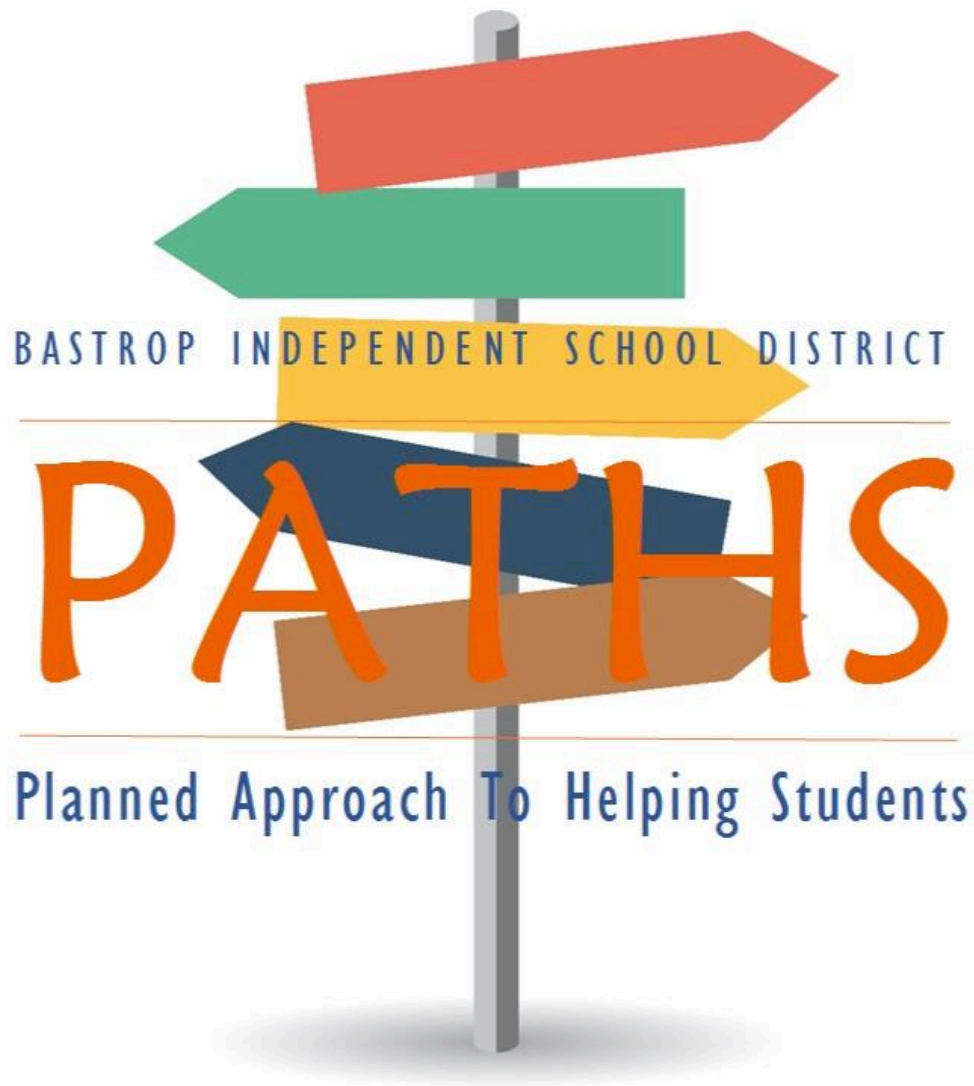


# Welcome to the BISD PATHS Project

2022-2023 School Year



To Whom it may concern,

Welcome to the Bastrop ISD PATHS Project! The BISD PATHS Project is designed to help meet the needs of our Highly Mobile and At Risk Student population which includes: McKinney-Vento, Foster care, Migrant, Military Connected and Pregnancy Related Services. The mission of the PATHS Project is to ensure that all students have access to programs, resources and support that helps create PATHS towards their academic success.

Your student has been identified for the following program(s):

- ❑ **McKinney-Vento:** Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, reauthorized in 2015 by Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.; hereafter the McKinney-Vento Act), guarantees educational rights and supports for students experiencing homelessness.
- ❑ **Foster care:** The general term "foster care" for education purposes includes all students in the managing conservatorship (legal custody) of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). This includes students placed by DFPS with a Kinship caregiver, when the child remains in the legal custody of Texas DFPS. Acceptable documentation includes all forms in the 2085 series.
- ❑ **Military Connected:** *Students in K-12th grade dependent on a current or former member of one of the following U.S. military; Texas National Guard (Army, Air Guard, or State Guard); or A reserve force. Student was a dependent of a member of the U.S. military or reserve force who had fallen in the line of duty. Pre Kindergarten students who are dependent on an active duty member of the armed forces of the United States including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who is ordered to active duty by proper authority. A dependent of the armed forces of the United States including the state military forces or a reserve component of the armed forces who is injured or fallen in the line of duty.*
- ❑ **Pregnancy Related Services:** [Texas Education Code §29.081\(d\)](#) identifies a student at risk of dropping out of school if the student is pregnant or is a parent. Pregnancy Related Services are support services, including Compensatory Education Home Instruction (CEHI), that a pregnant student receives during the pregnancy prenatal and postpartum periods.

For additional information about programs or services please contact:

Norma Mercado

Family and Social Services Coordinator

Office: 512-772-7133 Email: [nmercado@bisdtx.org](mailto:nmercado@bisdtx.org)

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### Important District Contact Numbers

#### Main Line: 512- 772-7100

Child Nutrition: 512-772-7116  
 Family Resource Center: 512-772-7133  
 Transportation: 512-321-5262 or 512-321-5706  
 Student Services Department: 512-772-7105  
 BISD Health Center: 512-772-4887

Nurse Coordinator: 512-772-7249  
 Special Programs/Services: 512-772-7835  
 Technology Help Desk: 512-772-7199  
 Child Care & After School: 512-772-7174  
 Counselor Coordinator: 512-772-7256

### Important School Numbers

<p><b>Bluebonnet Elementary</b>                      512-772-7680                      Counselor: Ms. Stephanie Reininger  <a href="mailto:sreininger@bisdtx.org">sreininger@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Cedar Creek Elementary</b>                      512-772-7600                      Counselor: Ms. Sonetriya Haston  <a href="mailto:shaston@bisdtx.org">shaston@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Emile Elementary</b>                      512-772-7620                      Counselor: Ms. Rohna Herman  <a href="mailto:rherman@bisdtx.org">rherman@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Bastrop Intermediate</b>                      512-772-7450                      Counselor: Mrs. April Carpo  <a href="mailto:acarpo@bisdtx.org">acarpo@bisdtx.org</a>                      Counselor: Mrs. Stephanie Luna-Griggs  <a href="mailto:slunagriggs@bisdtx.org">slunagriggs@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Bastrop Middle School</b> p: 512-772-7400                      7th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Denise Bell  <a href="mailto:dbell1@bisdtx.org">dbell1@bisdtx.org</a>                      8th Grade Counselor: Mrs. Christine Rector  <a href="mailto:crector@bisdtx.org">crector@bisdtx.org</a>                      Social Worker: Mrs. Hannah Reyes  <a href="mailto:hreyes@bisdtx.org">hreyes@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Cedar Creek High School</b>                      512-772-7300                      Counselor (A-F): Amberly Lenderman  <a href="mailto:alenderman@bisdtx.org">alenderman@bisdtx.org</a>                      Counselor (G-M): Mrs. Bosarge  <a href="mailto:bosarge@bisdtx.org">bosarge@bisdtx.org</a>                      Counselor (N-Z): Mrs. Lori Atkins  <a href="mailto:latkins@bisdtx.org">latkins@bisdtx.org</a></p>	<p><b>Lost Pines Elementary</b>                      512-772-7700                      Counselor: Mrs. Martha Leal  <a href="mailto:mleal@bisdtx.org">mleal@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Mina Elementary</b>                      512-772-7640                      Counselor: Ms. Kendall Smith  <a href="mailto:ksmith1@bisdtx.org">ksmith1@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Red Rock Elementary</b>                      512-772-7660                      Counselor: Ms. Kathleen Stauber  <a href="mailto:kstauber@bisdtx.org">kstauber@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Cedar Creek Intermediate</b>                      512-772-7475                      Counselor: Ms. Robyn Rosier Bettencourt  <a href="mailto:Rosierbettencourt@bisdtx.org">Rosierbettencourt@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Cedar Creek Middle School</b>                      512-772-7425                      7th Grade Counselor: Ms. Lenore Gonzales  <a href="mailto:lgonzales@bisdtx.org">lgonzales@bisdtx.org</a>                      8th Grade Counselor: Ms. Deborah Butler  <a href="mailto:dbutler1@bisdtx.org">dbutler1@bisdtx.org</a>                      Social Worker: Ms. Catherine Bailey  <a href="mailto:cbailey@bisdtx.org">cbailey@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Bastrop High School</b>                      512-772-7200                      Counselor (A-G): Mrs. Widner  <a href="mailto:swidner@bisdtx.org">swidner@bisdtx.org</a>                      Counselor (H-P): Mrs. Nicole Willoughby  <a href="mailto:nwilloughby@bisdtx.org">nwilloughby@bisdtx.org</a>                      Counselor (Q-Z): Mrs. Paula Rodriguez  <a href="mailto:prodriguez1@bisdtx.org">prodriguez1@bisdtx.org</a>                      Social Worker: Mrs. Barbara Gaona</p>
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<p>Social Worker: Mr. Martinez  <a href="mailto:amartinez@bisdtx.org">amartinez@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p>Social Worker: Mrs. Alyssa Ray  <a href="mailto:aray@bisdtx.org">aray@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p><b>Gateway/DAEP</b>  512-772-7820</p> <p><b>CRCA/Genesis High School</b>  512-772-7230</p> <p>Counselor: Mr. Rick Longoria  <a href="mailto:rlongoria@bisdtx.org">rlongoria@bisdtx.org</a></p>	<p><a href="mailto:bgaona@bisdtx.org">bgaona@bisdtx.org</a></p> <p>Social Worker: Mrs. Marisol Keahey  <a href="mailto:mkeahey@bisdtx.org">mkeahey@bisdtx.org</a></p>
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### Bastrop Community Resources

**Need Resources: Dial 211**  
**Emergency Dial: 911**  
**Suicide & Crisis Lifeline Dial: 988**  
**24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 888-311-7755**

<p><b><u>Food Resources</u></b></p> <p><b>Open Door Soup Kitchen</b>  512 317-7503 or 512- 318-9539  Hours of Operation: Mon - Fri, 9 AM - 3 PM  987 N State Hwy 95, Bastrop TX 78602</p> <p><b>Primera Baptist Church Food Pantry</b>  512-718-7807  Food pantry and clothing closet for area residents  (Emergency Food Needs: 512-731-7807)  Food Distribution: 1st and 3rd Sat of month, 7AM-11 AM  306 Paul Bell St Bastrop, TX 78602</p> <p><b>Bastrop County Emergency Food Bank</b>  512-303-0033  Emergency food pantry for Bastrop county residents  Hours: Mon, Wed, Fri, 8 AM - 11:30 AM, 1 PM - 3:30 PM  806 Fayette St, Bastrop TX 78602</p> <p><b>Smithville Food Pantry</b>  512-237-2322 or 512-461-1691  Food pantry for area residents  Hours of Operation: Wed, 9 AM-11:30 AM  301 Lee Street, Smithville, TX 78957</p>	<p><b><u>Emergency Shelter/Housing</u></b></p> <p><b>Family Crisis Center</b>  512-303-7755  Support services during/after crisis of domestic or sexual violence  Walk-in services are available Mon-Fri, 8 AM- 5 PM  431 Old Austin Hwy, Bastrop, Texas.  24-Hour Crisis Hotline: 888-311-7755</p> <p><b>SAFE</b>  Evangelist Roland Nava  512-317-7503  987 Texas 95, Bastrop, TX 78602</p> <p><b>Salvation Army</b>  512-466-0679</p> <p><b>Advocacy Outreach</b>  512-281-4180  Clothing and household goods closet  200-A Depot St. Elgin, TX 78621  Hours of Operation: Mon - Fri, 8 AM - 5 PM  <a href="http://www.advocacyoutreach.org">www.advocacyoutreach.org</a></p> <p><b>Camp Haven</b>  737-278-0293</p>
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**Feed the Need Missions**

512-987-2924

[bastrop@feedtheneed.org](mailto:bastrop@feedtheneed.org)

1067 State Hwy 71 W, Bastrop, TX 78602

**Ridgeway Baptist Church**

979-716-1887

Operates mobile food pantry

Food Distribution: 1st Wed of month, 9 AM- 10 AM

153 Ridgeway Cemetery, Paige, TX 78659

**Grace Baptist Church**

Handouts of fresh and shelf stable foods

512-303-3891

Food Distribution: Fri, 7 AM-9:15 AM

115 Sorrell, Red Rock, TX 78662

**First Baptist Church of Bastrop**

512-303-3221

Food pantry for area residents

Food Distribution: Tues, 2 PM-4 PM

1202 Water St., Bastrop, TX 78602

**Seventh Day Adventist Food Pantry**

Food pantry for area residents

Drive through and pick up options

Hours: 2nd and last Fri of month, 1 PM-5 PM

**Elgin Community Cupboard**

(512) 285-4552

Food distribution

Tuesday 10 AM - 12 PM

303 N. Avenue C, Elgin, TX 78621

**Pregnancy Related Resources****BISD Family Resource Center**

512-772-7133 or 512-772-7151

Clothes closet, notary public, and social services

Hours of Operation: Mon- Fri, 8 AM - 5 PM

1602 Hill St., Bastrop, TX 78602

**Ladies of Charity**

512-321-9819

Assistance with utilities, rent, food, and medicine

Hours: Mon, Fri, Sat

Wed, 1 - 5 PM

1202 Pine St., Bastrop, TX 78602

**Bastrop Prescription Assistance Program**

512-581-7177

Camping accommodations

549 Mesquite Drive, Cedar Creek, TX 78612

**Medical/Health services****Bastrop Community Health Center**

512-321-7137

275 Jackson St

Bastrop, TX 78602

**BISD Health Center**

512-772-4887

Pediatrics

Hours of Operation: Mon-Thurs, 8 AM - 5 PM

Fri, 8 AM - 12 PM

1602 Hill St., Bastrop, TX 78602

**Lone Star Circle of Care**

877-800-5722

Medical care for all ages

Mon-Fri, 8 AM- 8 PM

605 Old Austin Hwy, Bastrop TX 78602 (Behind HEB)

**Texas Department of Health Services**

512-321-3982

Hours of Operation: M-Thurs, 7 AM - 6 PM

104 Loop 150 W., Suite 102, Bastrop, TX 78602

**St David's Hospital**

512-816-2300

3201 Hwy 71 East

Bastrop, TX 78602

**Wesley Nurse-Bastrop United Methodist Church**

1201 Main St Bastrop

512-412-6277 or 512-308-2532

**Military Connected Resources****Military One source**

800-342-9647

<https://www.militaryonesource.mil/>

**Restoration Ranch**

Equine Therapy

172 Hills Prairie Road Unit A, Bastrop,  
TX 78602

**VFW Unmet needs**

Assistance with low income and/or without insurance living in Bastrop County.  
Hours of Operation: Mon- Fri, 8 AM - 5 PM  
804 Pecan Street, Bastrop, TX 78602

**Pregnancy Resource Center**

512-409-3400

Training classes, referrals, pregnancy testing and other resources

Hours: Mon, Wed, Thurs, Fri, 8 AM - 5 PM, Tues, 9AM-6PM

2007 N. Main St., Bastrop, TX 78602

**Foster Care Resources**

**CASA**

512-303-2272

Court appointed special advocates to support youth in foster care

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8:30 AM-5 PM

507 Water St., Bastrop, TX 78602

**Child Protective Services (CPS)**

512-321-3995

Services to children and families in their own homes

Hours: Mon-Fri, 8 AM-5 PM

3809 TX-150 Loop, Bastrop, TX 78602

866-789-6333

[www.vfw.org/assistance/financialgrants](http://www.vfw.org/assistance/financialgrants)

Texas National Guard Family Support Foundation

<https://www.txngfsf.org/>

**CARTS NOW**

(512) 505-5666

Free rides to Veterans for medical trips

**Veterans Service Officer**

Tomika Nowlin (512)581-4006

[tomika.nowlin@co.bastrop.tx.us](mailto:tomika.nowlin@co.bastrop.tx.us)

<https://www.facebook.com/Bastrop-County-Veterans-Service-Office-201661036603192/>

**Hands Up High Ministry**

1-888-487-4846

Shelter for disabled veterans and their families

987 N SH 95, Bastrop, TX 78602

**Austin VA Clinic**

7901 Metropolis Drive Austin, TX 78744-3111

1-800-423-2111

**Texas Veterans Commission**

512-463-6564

Question, Comment or Complaint

Advocate and provide service for veterans

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## STUDENT HANDBOOKS & GUIDELINES

- [Student Handbook 2022-23](#)
- [Student Code of Conduct 2022-23](#)
- [Dress Code 2022-23](#)
- [Transportation Code of Conduct](#)
- [Transportation Code of Conduct \(Español\)](#)
- [Grading Guidelines 2021-2022](#)
- [Elementary Art and Music Grading Guidelines](#)
- [Grading Guideline Addendums](#)
- [HB 5 Graduation Plan](#)
- [Bastrop ISD Acceptable Use Policy](#)
- [Bastrop ISD Acceptable Use Policy \(Español\)](#)
- [Student Athletic Handbook 2022-23](#)
- [Consent for Drug Testing \(Extracurricular Activities\)](#)

## ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS & FORMS

- [Service Animal Form](#)
- [Service Animal Form \(Español\)](#)
- [Intent to Homeschool](#)
- [Student Data Release](#)
- [Student Data Release \(Español\)](#)

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## **Additional Information About Rights and Services Under the McKinney-Vento Act**

Children and youth experiencing homelessness face unique challenges in accessing and succeeding in school. Subtitle VII-B of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, reauthorized in 2015 by Title IX, Part A of the Every Student Succeeds Act (42 U.S.C. § 11431 et seq.; hereafter the McKinney-Vento Act), establishes the definition of homeless used by U.S. public schools, and the educational rights to which children and youth experiencing homelessness are entitled.

### **What is the McKinney-Vento Homeless Definition?**

The term "homeless children and youth":

A. means individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence...; and

B. includes —

- i. children and youths who are sharing the housing of other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; or are abandoned in hospitals;
- ii. children and youths who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings...;
- iii. children and youths who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings; and
- iv. migratory children...who qualify as homeless for the purposes of this subtitle because the children are living in circumstances described in clauses (i) through (iii)

### **What rights do students have under McKinney-Vento?**

The right to immediate enrollment. A school must immediately enroll a homeless student, even if the student does not have documents normally required for enrollment, such as academic and medical/immunization records or proof of residency. Once enrolled, the Homeless Education Liaison of the school must help the family obtain the necessary records and/or immunizations.

The right to choose what school to attend.

- Students have the right to continue attending their "school of origin". The "school of origin" is the school where the child or youth was last enrolled or the school the child or youth was attending when s/he became homeless. The school district shall keep a student in the "school of origin" unless it goes against the wishes of the parent. The student also has the option of enrolling in school where he is currently living.



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- school requested by the parent, the district must provide the parent with a written explanation of the decision, which includes the right to appeal the decision.
  - The school district must make placement decisions based on the best interests of the student.
  - If a student obtains permanent housing during the school year, the student has the right to stay in their current school until the end of the school year.

#### The right to transportation.

- The parent or guardian (or, in the case of an unaccompanied youth, the school homeless liaison) of a homeless student may request that transportation be provided to and from school. If the student is still in the same district as the school of origin, the school district must provide transportation. If the student is not living within the district of the school of origin, the district of origin and the district where the student is living must determine how to share transportation costs and responsibility. If the districts cannot come to an agreement, then the responsibility and costs must be shared equally. In general, transportation time should be limited to one hour or less in each direction.
- Please note, the transportation provisions of McKinney-Vento only apply to students who are currently homeless. If a student obtains permanent housing and continues to attend his/her school of origin until the end of the school year, the continued provision of transportation is at the discretion of the district of origin.
- The right to participate in the same programs and activities as other students.
- Homeless students have the same rights as all other students to participate in School Nutrition, after school and special education programs
- Homeless students who qualify for special education services must be provided appropriate services based on the information that is available to the school. A school may not delay providing such services based on the non-receipt of school records.

Under the Act, every school district is required to have a Homeless Education Liaison. It is the job of the Liaison to ensure that homeless students have the same opportunities as all other students, which includes ensuring that homeless students are able to attend school, arranging for transportation in a timely manner, keeping the school staff informed of the rights of homeless students and providing appropriate referrals to service providers.

Bastrop ISD designated Homeless Liaison-Norma Mercado, 512-772-7133; email [nmercado@bisdtx.or](mailto:nmercado@bisdtx.or)

Under Texas law, students in foster care are entitled to immediate enrollment when arriving at a new school or district — regardless of whether they have the necessary documentation and paperwork. CPS caseworkers are required to enroll a child in school within three (3) school days of the child either: a) being placed in CPS custody; or b) moving to a new school or placement. The caseworker then has up to 30 days to provide all necessary enrollment paperwork to the new school.

Follow up to ensure a student:

- Has his or her records requested and received;
- Is placed in the appropriate grade level and classes;
- Receives his or her books; and
- Receives special education services, if appropriate.

[Texas Systems Working Together to Transform Education Outcomes of Students in Foster Care](#)

**The following laws are identified in the Texas Education Code addressing students in foster care:**

- Data sharing and data collection requirements in PEIMS - [TEC § 7.029 \(Chapter 1 \(PDF\), p. 16; Chapter 5 \(PDF\), pgs. 45-46\)](#)
- Immediate school enrollment without records - [TEC § 25.002\(g\) \(Chapter 7 \(PDF\), p. 56\)](#)
- Attendance in the school the student was enrolled immediately before entering conservatorship, even when placed outside of the district attendance zone, until the student successfully completes the highest grade level offered by the school - [TEC § 25.001\(g\) \(Chapter 8 \(PDF\), p. 62\)](#)
- Excused absences for court-ordered appointments - [TEC § 25.087 \(Chapter 10 \(PDF\), p. 75\)](#)
- 11th or 12th grade student who transfers to a new school district and does not meet the graduation requirements of the new school district may request a diploma from the former school district, when on-track to graduate at the previous school - [TEC § 28.025 \(Chapter 9 \(PDF\), p. 92\)](#)
- Free eligibility for PRE-K - [TEC § 29.153\(b\)\(6\) \(Chapter 10 \(PDF\), p. 74\)](#)
- Accelerated instruction (at-risk indicators and compensatory education) - [TEC § 29.081\(d\)\(11\) \(Chapter 6 \(PDF\), p. 51; Chapter 11 \(PDF\), pgs. 82-83\)](#)
- Free lifetime college tuition and fees waiver. The waiver is activated when a student enrolls in dual credit or another course where a student may earn college credit- [TEC § 54.366 - \(Chapter 13 \(PDF\), pgs. 104-106\)](#)
- School districts and open enrollment charter schools are required to appoint a Foster Care Liaison and notify TEA of their Foster Care Liaison appointment - [TEC § 33.904 \(Chapter 5 \(PDF\), p. 44\)](#)
- Transition Assistance from one school to another of students in foster care - [TEC § 25.007 \(Chapter 11 \(PDF\), pgs. 84-91\).](#)
- Bastrop ISD designated Foster Care Liaison-Norma Mercado, 512-772-7133; email [nmercado@bisdtx.org](mailto:nmercado@bisdtx.org)