



**Henry County Schools  
Foster Care Program  
Information for DFCS Case Managers**

***Enrollment:***

- We want to keep kids in their original schools, especially high school students. Please do not hesitate to ask about transportation to keep the student in their original school – even if it is just until the end of a grading period or semester.
- Please notify the Foster Care Liaison (FCL) as soon as possible when a student returns to their parent(s) or changes foster homes. The FCL will let the school know to communicate with the parent or foster parent to update contact information.
- We prefer that the foster parent complete the online registration for enrollment, not the DFCS Case Manager. The link for enrollment is <https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/Page/135261>.
- It is very helpful if you can give the FCL notice that new students are enrolling and email a copy of the placement letter. We do understand if this is not possible.

***Bus transportation:***

- ***You must request transportation through the FCL.***
- If you are not a Henry County DFCS Case Manager, please ask the FCL for a copy of the Transportation Plan to share with your Director.
- It can take up to 5-7 days to route a special bus within Henry for a foster student, so please be prepared with other arrangements. When coordinating between two school districts/counties, transportation can take up to 2 weeks to arrange.
- HCS Transportation will contact the foster parent to give the details (pick up time, bus number, drop off time, etc.).
- Please inform the FCL IMMEDIATELY if a child leaves a foster home or foster care so that special transportation can be changed or ended as soon as possible.

***Free lunch applications:***

- Foster parents should complete the application as soon as possible. It is available at:
- Foster parents only need to complete Sections 1 & 4 on the application. Be sure to mark the box that says “foster care” on the application. The application can be found at <https://schoolwires.henry.k12.ga.us/Page/110494>.
- Sometimes the application can take some time to process. To avoid charges, please have the foster parent send money or a lunch with the student for a few days to avoid charges. We apologize for any delay.

**What services are available to foster students in Henry County Schools? Please contact the Foster Care Liaison for assistance:**

- Transportation assistance – (if your student is attending a school **outside** of the foster home’s zoned

school)

- Tutoring — due to very limited funding, tutoring is available to high school students only. \*to begin after 2/21\*
- School supplies — please contact the Foster Care Liaison if supplies are needed
- Backpack Buddy programs
- Senior graduation greeting cards
- Assistance with IEPs, 504 meetings, and discipline meetings
- Best interest determinations
- Scholarship opportunities
- Clothing resources
- ***Need something else? Please ask! The Foster Care Liaison and School Social Workers have a wide network of resources available.***

***If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact  
Henry County Schools' Foster Care Liaison:***

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