



District of Columbia Office of the State Superintendent of Education

2017 Memorandum of Agreement

Between the Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE), the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), and the District of Columbia Child and Family Services Agency (CFSA) to Address Specialized Education Services for Children and Youth placed in out of state placements by CFSA

In September 2013, a [Memorandum of Agreement \(MOA\)](#) (HYPERLINK) was entered by OSSE, DCPS, and CFSA to address specialized education services for children and youth placed in out of state placements by CFSA. On Oct. 10, 2017, the MOA was reauthorized by all participating agencies.

The purpose of this MOA is to improve educational outcomes for foster children and youth by requiring continued coordination and involvement by representatives of OSSE, DCPS and CFSA, as appropriate; monitoring the delivery of specialized educational services to ensure a free appropriate public education (FAPE) is provided to students eligible under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and/or Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504); and facilitating the transition of children and youth between school settings to improve outcomes and promote further schooling. Additionally, to ensure compliance with all components of the MOA, the agencies will meet on a regular basis to review student placement status and develop a plan to address any related issues that may impact continuity of service delivery and/or compliance with federal and local laws.

Furthermore, as component of the MOA, the participating will collaborate to ensure appropriate data sharing procedures. All student educational records shall be shared, consistent with requirements imposed by federal and District of Columbia law and in compliance with the MOA.

Additionally, the participating parties are required to identify the specific individuals responsible for implementing the obligations defined within the MOA. The points of contact are listed below.

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