



Administrative Policies and Procedures: 21.19

Subject:	Education Passport
Authority:	TCA 37-1-130, 37-1-140, 37-5-105, 37-5-106; Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010, (P.L. 111-296).
Standards:	DCS Practice Model Standards: 6-409; COA: PA-RPM 7.02(f), PA-RPM 7.02(g).
Application:	All Department of Children's Services Employees, Resource Parents, Contract Provider Agencies

Policy Statement:

All children in DCS custody as well as those receiving aftercare, post-custody and probation services shall have an education passport.

Purpose:

To establish child/youth's education status and to ensure a quick transfer of records, information and individual support when children change schools or educational services.

Procedures:

A. Compiling and maintaining the education passport

1. The **Education Passport**, form **CS-0657**, is defined as a compilation of documents that constitute the educational history for a student. It includes the *Education Passport Face Sheet* and the following documents:
 - a) School Enrollment letter;
 - b) Vital records-(birth certificate, social security card, immunization records, copy of last periodic report card, and transcript);
 - c) Academic history records;
 - d) Attendance/discipline records;
 - e) Special Education records; and
 - f) Health information (only as it impacts the school day – examples: asthma inhaler, meds taken at school).
2. The Family Service Worker (FSW) will immediately begin to compile the education passport when the child/youth is placed in DCS custody.
3. The FSW will place the completed education passport face sheet along with supporting school records in the child/youth's case file as outlined in DCS Policy [**31.5, Regional and Field Services Child Case Files.**](#)

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. The FSW will maintain the education passport information by routinely updating it with copies of each grade report (including attendance data), school disciplinary records, state mandated achievement test scores and special education information. This information will be shared with the Child and Family Team for use in educational planning and tracking. 5. A new education passport face sheet will be completed each time a child/youth changes schools. 6. When there is a problem requesting school records, the regional education specialist must be contacted. 7. Pursuant to DCS Policy <u>21.18, Notification to School Principals of Certain Delinquent Adjudications</u>, form CS-0703, Adjudication Notification to School Principals must not be included in the Education Passport.
<p>B. Providing the education passport to schools, foster parents, and students</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Upon enrollment (or soon as feasibly possible), the FSW will provide the education passport to the new school, public or private, including contract agency in-house schools, and Youth Development Center schools. 2. The FSW will provide a School Enrollment Letter to the new school along with the education passport. 3. The Education Passport and School Enrollment Letter serve as documentation to public schools that certain students are in foster care and eligible to receive free meals at school. Please note that the non-foster children in the resource home may also become eligible to receive free or reduced meals because of an increased household size. Foster parents may contact the school Nutrition Director in their public schools for more information. 4. Upon placement of a child, the FSW will provide a copy of the education passport to DCS resource parents or to provider resource parents. 5. The FSW will provide a copy of the education passport to students/families when students exit custody. For youth ages 18 or older, the education passport will be provided to the student.
<p>C. Withdrawing a child/youth from a school</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Obtain a completed school withdrawal form from the school that the child is exiting from. To enroll a child in a new public school, the new school will require a withdrawal form from the child's previous public school. 2. Add school records from the school of withdrawal to the education passport. This will update the passport with information needed at the child/youth's next education placement.

Forms:	<u>CS-0657, Education Passport- School Enrollment Letter</u> <u>CS-0703, Adjudication Notification to School Principal</u>
Collateral documents:	<i>DCS Education Work Plan</i>