



Ohio Administrative Code Rule 5180:2-7-11 Socialization and education.

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(A) A foster caregiver shall allow privileges and assign responsibilities to a foster child similar to those which would be assigned to a family member of the foster caregiver who is of similar age and functioning level.

(B) A foster caregiver shall make arrangements with the placing agency for each school-age foster child to attend a school which complies with the minimum standards as prescribed by the state board of education and shall ensure that the foster child attends school in accordance with the child care agreement. A foster caregiver that provides home schooling for a foster child shall do so only with the approval of the child's custodial agency. Any home schooling program used by a foster caregiver shall be approved by the public school district in which the caregiver resides and a copy of the approval shall be placed in the foster home record.

(C) A foster caregiver shall encourage a foster child to participate in the following activities as appropriate to the child's age and functioning level:

(1) Community.

(2) School.

(3) Recreation.

(4) Cultural heritage.

(D) Pursuant to section 5103.162 of the Revised Code, a foster caregiver shall use a reasonable and prudent parent standard when considering whether to authorize a foster child who resides in the foster home to participate in extracurricular, enrichment, and social activities in accordance with section 2151.315 of the Revised Code.



(E) A foster caregiver shall, as is necessary and reasonable, arrange appropriate transportation for the foster child to and from the activities listed in paragraphs (C) and (D) of this rule.

(F) A foster caregiver shall permit a foster child to practice the chosen religious faith of the foster child or the foster child's parents, unless it is determined and documented in the child's case plan by the custodial agency that it is not in the child's best interests; and a foster caregiver shall not subject a foster child to any form of religious coercion.

(G) A foster child shall not be baptized or submitted to any religious procedures without prior consent of the child according to their age and functioning level and prior approval of the foster child's parent, guardian or custodian.

(H) A foster caregiver shall, as appropriate, teach a foster child tasks and skills required for life in the community.