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# EDUCATION TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF  
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## The Education Travel Reimbursement Program

Public Law (PL) 110-351 amended Title IV-E of the Social Security Act to require that a case plan includes a plan for ensuring the educational stability of the child while in foster care.

PL 110-351 also provides for the cost of reasonable travel for the child to their school of origin as an allowable foster care maintenance cost.

Assuming that all other eligibility conditions are met, payment begins at the same time as the child's eligibility for a foster care maintenance payment.

For more detailed information see All County Letter 11-51.

## Who is Eligible?

The rates listed below are to be paid to foster family home providers including licensed foster parents, approved relatives, certified foster parents, small family licensees and Non-Related Extended Family Members (NREFMs), for each foster child, whose educational stability plan indicates that the child will remain in the school of origin.

- The education travel reimbursement is for eligible youth in grades kindergarten through 12th who return to their school of origin.
- The foster parent reimbursement payment allows for 4 one-way trips (driving foster child to school, driving back home, picking foster child up from school and driving home).
- This payment would be for a 12 month period and payment does not stop for any reason other than a physical placement move for the child. This payment also requires transport for the child to extra-curricular activities, parent teacher conferences, etc.

## Mileage Rate

Distance from Foster Care Placement to School of Origin (in miles) One Way Educational Travel Rate per Month per Child

|                  |       |
|------------------|-------|
| Up to 3 miles    | \$0   |
| 4 to 8 miles     | \$58  |
| 9 to 13 miles    | \$154 |
| 14 to 18 miles   | \$250 |
| 19 to 23 miles   | \$347 |
| 24 or more miles | \$443 |

## Public Transportation Rate

Public transportation passes are reimbursed at the flat rates of \$25, \$50, or \$75 dollars per month per child, as determined by the placing agency.

If the cost of the monthly public transportation passes falls between two levels, reimbursement to the provider will always be at the higher of the two levels.

## Questions?

If you have any questions about this brochure contact your County Social Worker.

