In December 2015, Congress reauthorized the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 as the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). ESSA, in sections 1111 and 1112, requires the Local Education Agency (LEA) and the Local Child Welfare Services (Department of Family Services, or DFS) to partner in developing a plan to ensure that youths in foster care have equal access to the same free, appropriate education provided to other children. This means the LEA will collaborate with DFS for determination of the best educational interest of the child. LEAs are encouraged to maintain a continuous flow of communication with the local DFS representative providing current student and school success and challenges. The WDE encourages each LEA to create their own plan to represent their district and community; however, each district’s plan must include the items listed below. LEA foster care plans are submitted annually on or before **July 1** for acceptance by Jo Ann Numoto (jo-ann.numoto@wyo.gov), ESSA State Foster Care Liaison.

**LEA and DFS RESPONSIBILITIES**

School or LEA Foster Care Liaison(s) (include names and contact information):

Individual responsible for expediting school records (name and contact information):

Transportation method(s) to be used:

Documentation on file at (specify location of secure foster care student records):

Date submitted to WDE:

Local DFS caseworker point of contact (name and contact information):