

# New Jersey Department of Education



## Chapter 17, Education for Homeless Children and Students in State Facilities



Please note that this presentation has been modified from its original version to be more accessible.

# Purpose of the Chapter



- Ensures that homeless children, students placed in state facilities, and children in **resource family care (formerly known as foster care)** are provided a thorough and efficient education.
- Establishes uniform Statewide policies to ensure school enrollment of homeless children and youth.
- Establishes policies to ensure the educational stability of children in resource family care.



# Proposed Amendments

## Subchapter 2 – Determination of Homeless Status



Current Language	Proposed Language
<p>N.J.A.C.:17-2.2(a)5 “Any temporary location wherein children and youth are awaiting foster care placement.”</p>	<p>The Department proposes to amend this section to <b>remove item 5</b> from 6A:17-2.2(a)1-5 under Determination of homeless status to ensure alignment with ESSA.</p>



# Proposed Amendments

## Subchapter 2 – Disputes and Appeals



Current Language	Proposed Language
<p>N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.7(b)...school districts shall immediately notify the Executive County Superintendent, who shall make a determination immediately, if possible, but no later than within 48 hours.</p>	<p>Extends the amount of time for the Executive County Superintendent to make a determination from <b>“immediately, if possible, or no later than 48 hours”</b> to <b>5 business days</b>. Proposed change allows for a more reasonable period of time for fact finding and consultation with the state coordinator when required.</p>



# Proposed New Subchapter 4: 6A:17-4.1 – Purpose and Scope



- Ensures the educational stability of children placed in resource family care so that they receive a thorough and efficient education.
- Ensures alignment with the December 2016 requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).



# Proposed New Subchapter 4: 6A:17-4.2 School District Responsibilities



Each district shall:

- Identify a point of contact;
- Develop policies and procedures which ensure:
  - Transportation – including transportation to/from internships, job-training programs delivered by student’s district of residence;
  - Immediate and continued enrollment; and
  - Transfer of student records.



# Proposed New Subchapter 4: 6A:17-4.6 Tuition



- When a child in resource family care is enrolled in a school district other than the district of residence, **the school district of residence** shall pay tuition to the school district in which the child is enrolled.
- If the State has assumed fiscal responsibility for the tuition, the State shall pay the costs of tuition for the child to attend school in the school district of enrollment.

