



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: June 15, 2023
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Dr. Lisa Coons, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: Data Collection: Education of Children in Foster Care

This memo notifies school divisions of a requirement to submit data to the Virginia Department of Education (VDOE) related to students placed in foster care that were served during the 2022-2023 school year.

Chapter 769, 2023 Acts of Assembly (2023 Appropriation Act) provides state funds for the costs of prior year (fiscal year (FY) 2023) local operations and the local share of the FY 2024 (Summer 2023) Remedial Summer School program, as determined by VDOE, for certain children placed in foster care. A detailed description of state funding requirements for Education of Children in Foster Care and instructions for completing the Foster Care data collection are provided in the Foster Care application in the [Single Sign-on for Web Systems \(SSWS\) portal](#). Also provided in SSWS are the provisions from the appropriation act, the *Code of Virginia*, and Board of Education regulations pertaining to the education of children in foster care.

Please note that all school divisions must complete the Foster Care Data Collection through the SSWS portal even if your division is not requesting state reimbursement. Once a division has successfully completed the Foster Care certification in SSWS, the division superintendent or designee will certify it electronically through the Superintendent's Data Collection Approvals (SDCA) application in SSWS. Please see the instructions in the Foster Care application in SSWS for additional information.

The Foster Care data collection will open on June 16, 2023, and is due to VDOE no later than **July 31, 2023**.

If you have any questions concerning this data collection, please contact the budget office staff at (804) 225-2025 or DOEBUDGETOFFICE@doe.virginia.gov.

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