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**ORANGE COUNTY SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY  
CFS OPERATIONS MANUAL**

**PDU DISPATCH**

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## **Home Schooling**

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**Purpose** The purpose of this PDU Dispatch is to describe Orange County Children and Family Services' (CFS) policy regarding home schooling of dependent children placed in out of home care.

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### **Background**

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**Overview** It is Orange County CFS' policy and practice to support a full range of life experiences and activities for children placed in foster care. These activities include both school and extra-curricular activities, in addition to the typical educational activities children experience. Though children in foster care may face some restrictions as a result of legal guidelines, any opportunity for a foster child to experience a fuller range of opportunities is to be endorsed.

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### **Policy**

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**Home Schooling** Because of the desire to provide as wide a range of interaction, relationships and exposure to positive experiences as possible, Orange County CFS does not support home schooling for children in out of home placement.

Generally, this restriction would extend to all home schooling situations, including settings in which the Orange County Department of Education curriculum is employed. Employees having knowledge of home schooling situations involving foster children on their caseloads are to bring the situation to their supervisor's attention.

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**Exceptions** Exceptions to this policy are to be submitted to the Deputy Directors for consideration on a case-by-case basis. Additionally, parental and/or Court approval will need to be obtained.

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**ICPC and  
Courtesy  
Supervision**

Decisions regarding home schooling of children placed in and out of home care in Orange County through an ICPC or courtesy supervision agreement are to conform to the sending State or County's policy on home schooling.

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