

*Understandably, it's a very difficult time for children when they enter foster care.*

They are away from their home and family and separated from everything that is familiar, including their school and friends. However, under a new law children can remain in their home school if it's in their best interest to do so. Studies show that foster children who remain in their home school do better academically, behaviorally and socially. They also can continue to be involved with their after school activities and keep their classmates and favorite teachers.

Evidence suggests that school stability will have a positive effect on education outcomes including increase in grade-point-average (GPA) and standardized test scores, reduction in failure and grade repetition, and an increase in high school degree attainment.

**Quick Facts:**

**80% of children who enter foster care in New Jersey are reunited with their parents**

**On average, school age children are reunited with their families within 6-12 months of their initial placement.**

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**For more information**

If you have any questions, please contact the Educational Stability Liaison at your CP&P Local Office.

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## School Stability for Children in Resource Home Care



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