

Consent for School Activities for Children in Out-of-Home Care

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Any information referenced within this document is considered to be a part of this policy.

Summary:

This policy establishes the ability of out-of-home care providers to give consent for school activities that occur outside the classroom.

Related Resources:

http://dcf.wisconsin.gov/memos/num_memos/DSP/2012/2012-03.pdf

Policy:

In order to contribute to the educational experience of a child in care, a foster parent, relative caregiver, group home, residential care center or another individual with *physical* custody of a child under the care of the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare has the authority to consent to that child's participation in school activities outside the classroom or away from school premises. A parent or guardian may also grant consent if they are readily available to do so. Activities can include, but are not limited to, participation in sports, clubs and/or field trips.

Procedures:

A. A foster parent, relative caregiver or other individual with physical custody of a child

1. The above listed may, by signing a permission slip, give consent for a child placed in their home to participate in school activities whether on or off school premises.
2. Case managers shall provide this information to caregivers.

3. When making face-to-face visits, the child's case manager shall inquire with regard to the child's participation in any extra-curricular school activities and will document such participation in the eWiSACWIS case note.

B. A group home, residential care facility or other facility with physical custody of a child

1. The above listed, may, by signing a permission slip, give consent for a child placed in their facility to participate in school activities whether on or off school premises.
2. Case managers shall provide this information to facility personnel.
3. A copy of the signed permission slip shall be retained in the child's case file.
4. The facility shall provide transportation to and/or from activities in addition to providing normal school transportation. Transportation may be by car or by providing bus fare, whichever is most appropriate consistent with the child's abilities and level of independence.
5. Case managers will document the child's participation in school activities in the eWiSACWIS case note.

Responsibilities:

Ongoing Case Managers