

# Requesting Education Records

## Overview of the Law

- School districts must request records within two business days of a foster youth's enrollment. School districts must forward education records to a requesting school within two business days of receiving a request. *Cal. Educ. Code § 48853.5(e)(8)*.
- School districts and local child welfare/probation agencies may share education records of students in foster care or on probation without consent of a parent or guardian. *Cal. Educ. Code § 49076(i), (n)*.
- School districts must give an education rights holder a complete copy of a youth's education record within 5 business days of a request. *Cal. Educ. Code § 49069*.
- School districts cannot withhold transcripts, diplomas, or other records if school fees are owed. *Cal. Educ. Code § 48853.5*.



## Reasons to Request Records

- Track education performance over time;
- Understand the youth's history and current needs;
- Determine interventions that have or have not worked in the past; and
- Compare past and current testing to monitor academic progress.