



Clark County Family Services

THE LAW: ASSIGNMENT OF AN EDUCATION DECISION MAKER FOR CHILDREN IN CCFS CARE

A Nevada Law (NRS 432B.462) requires the court to appoint an Educational Decision Maker (EDM) who has the knowledge and skills to act in the best interest of a child in all educational matters for a child in foster care.

The EDM is a part of your child's team supporting your child educationally and working collaboratively with you, the child's CCFS Caseworker, and the school. The EDM will work with you to support your child and help you deal with any school-related situation you are dealing with for your child.

An EDM could be a: parent; legal guardian; relative; a foster parent or other provider of care; fictive kin; guardian ad litem; or another person the court determines is qualified. The court may remove or change an EDM if it is in the best interest of a child to appoint a new EDM.

The EDM has several responsibilities including:

- a. Having an initial meeting with the child and meet with the child as often as necessary to carry out duties below with the best interest of the child;
- b. Address disciplinary issues with the child and school;
- c. Ensuring the child is receiving special education services as outlined in Federal and State Laws;
- d. Consult with CCFS on whether the child should change schools or not when CCFS is considering a school change;
- e. Participating in any education meeting for the child including IEPs and special programs/services provided to the child;
- f. Communicating concerns regarding the educational placement and services of a child and make recommendations to CCFS, the child's attorney, and the parent/legal guardian if the EDM is not the parent/legal guardian; and
- g. Appearing in any court proceedings and making specific recommendations to the court as appropriate on the child's educational placement, educational services, and necessary services to transition the child to independent living if the child is at least 14 years of age

Please find out who your child's EDM is via your child's CCFS Caseworker. Please work with your child's EDM to support your child and inform them of any school-related issues you are aware of and have been made aware of by the school (i.e. failing grades, disciplinary issues, not completing schoolwork or homework). If you have any questions about the EDM, please contact your child's Caseworker.