**Section 402.20 Education**

a) Foster parents shall encourage each child to complete high school or vocational training in accordance with his or her aptitude. Foster parents shall cooperate with the supervising agency in the child's educational plan.

b) Children shall be permitted and encouraged to participate in extra-curricular activities including sports, art and music to the extent of their interests, abilities, and talents. Foster parents are expected to use normalcy parenting and the reasonable and prudent parent standard for decision-making regarding the child's participation in these activities.

c) The supervising agency shall ensure that the foster parents shall maintain contact with those serving the educational needs of their children and seek their cooperation to assure that:

1) children are placed in appropriate grades and program; and

2) there is periodic evaluation of individual children.

d) The supervising agency shall ensure that each child is provided with the necessary school supplies, materials and equipment.

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