

# TSDS PEIMS Coding and Supplemental Guidance

## DEFINING "FOSTER CARE" FOR TSDS PEIMS (C196):

conservatorship (legal custody) of the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS). *all* **managing**

for pre-k purposes, and students who are identified as Unaccompanied Refugee Minors (URM) living in

## ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION FOR TSDS PEIMS:

Schools may accept any of official Texas Department of Family and Protective Services form, listed below, **that designate that a student is in**

All forms in the 2085 series:

Verified Kinship Foster Caregiver - 2085 KF



A 'Kinship' Caregiver is a relative or fictive kin who provides care for a child. A relative is a member of the child's biological family. A fictive kin is a person who has a longstanding and significant relationship with a child in DFPS conservatorship or with the child's family. For more information about "foster care" and other settings a student may live in visit pg. 41-42 of the [Foster Care & Student Success Resource Guide](#).

<sup>2</sup> **All** students in DFPS Managing Conservatorship are required to present an Education Decision-Maker 2085 (E-2085) form at enrollment in accordance with Family Code §263.004. If a student does not have this form at enrollment, please request it. The form includes the contact information for the education decision-maker and caseworker. Schools, in accordance with TEC §25.007 and [TAC §89.1617](#) are required to notify the education decision-maker and caseworker regarding any event that may significantly impact the education of a child. It is critical that schools receive this form and store it with other privacy-protected records. The [Foster Care & Student Success Resource Guide](#) contains additional information in [Chapter 9](#) regarding education decision-making and who to contact for what purpose(s).

**EXAMPLES OF NON-ACCEPTABLE DOCUMENTATION:**