



May Is Foster Care Awareness Month

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SCUSD Core Value & Guiding Principle

CORE VALUE

We recognize that our system is inequitable by design and we vigilantly work to confront and interrupt inequities that exist to level the playing field and provide opportunities for everyone to learn, grow and reach their greatness.

SCUSD GUIDING PRINCIPLE

All students are given an equal opportunity to graduate with the greatest number of postsecondary choices from the widest array of options

DID YOU KNOW...

- Over **365,000 children** and youth are in foster care in the US? ([Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2025](#))
- Approximately **18,500 youth** are emancipated from foster care (without a permanent family) ([Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2025](#))
- In 2021, **77 percent** of eligible youth in foster care, ages 14–21 years old, left care without receiving the federally funded services necessary to prepare them for adulthood and independent living ([Child Welfare Information Gateway, 2025](#))

WHO ARE OUR STUDENTS

- There are 1,120 youth from Sacramento County who meet the definition of a “foster youth”
- SCUSD’s foster youth enrollment: **251 students** (Aug 1 - May 1, 2025)
 - **This number includes students who have moved out of the district**
 - Hispanic ~ 38.9 %
 - Black/African American ~ 33.8 %
 - Caucasian/White ~ 17.1 %
 - American Indian ~ 5.6 %
 - Asian ~ 3.1 %
 - More Than 1 Ethnicity ~ 1 %
 - Native Hawaiian/Other Pac. Islander ~ 0.5 %

CONNECTION & SUPPORT

- **198** youth received some form of support from FYS (Aug 1, 2024 - May 1, 2025)
 - 82% received on-going support
 - Tier 1: 165 interventions
 - Tier 2: 2,032 interventions
 - Tier 3: 46 interventions



Family Game Night

Summer Cooking Class w/Nutrition Services



**Ropes Course @
CSUS**

CALL TO ACTION

- **Support for Foster Youth:**

National Foster Care Month highlights the need for a child welfare system that authentically supports young people as they transition out of foster care, including promoting supportive adult connections.

- **Community Involvement:**

It's a time for communities to come together to show support for children in foster care and to recognize the dedicated individuals who make a difference in their lives.

- **Call to Action:**

The month encourages Americans to find ways to support children and youth in foster care and to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of foster parents and other caregivers.



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