# Educational Services FAQs

**Q.** Do students in DJJ detention, day treatment, or residential programs receive educational services?

**A.** Yes. All students placed in DJJ education programs will receive educational services.

**Q.** Will the DJJ school have access to my child’s records?

**A.** Yes. The school will immediately request your child’s records from his or her previous school to assist with placing your child in the right grade and enrolling him or her in the right classes.

**Q.** Do youth in juvenile justice programs receive credit while in school?

**A.** Yes. Students who are enrolled in credit-bearing courses can earn credit as long as they meet the course requirements.

**Q.** If my student is the recipient of a McKay Scholarship, how will this be affected?

**A.** A student is not eligible for a McKay Scholarship while he or she is enrolled in a school operating for the purpose of providing educational services to youth in DJJ commitment programs. In addition, students may forfeit the McKay Scholarship if the student enters a DJJ facility for a period of more than 21 days.

**Q.** Will exceptional student education services (ESE) be continued in a juvenile justice detention, day treatment, or residential program?

**A.** Yes. All students placed in a DJJ program who meet the eligibility criteria for exceptional student education shall be provided a free appropriate public education. Students with disabilities, as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, shall be provided the necessary aids and services.

**Q.** Will the DJJ school follow my child’s individual educational plan (IEP)?

**A.** The school will follow your child’s IEP, unless the services stated on the IEP, cannot be provided in this setting. If the services on the IEP need to be changed, an IEP meeting will be scheduled to discuss your child’s needs and change the IEP to reflect the services your child needs to receive while at the DJJ school.

**Q.** Will parents be included in the IEP meeting if scheduled at a juvenile justice school?

**A.** Yes. A written notice of the meeting must be provided to the parents and must indicate the purpose, time, and location of the meeting, and who, by title or position, will be attending.

**Q.** What if they are unable to attend?

**A.** If parents/guardians are unable to attend the meeting they may participate through a conference call, or by sending information prior to the meeting in writing. Parents/guardians who do not attend the IEP meeting will be mailed copies of the IEP.