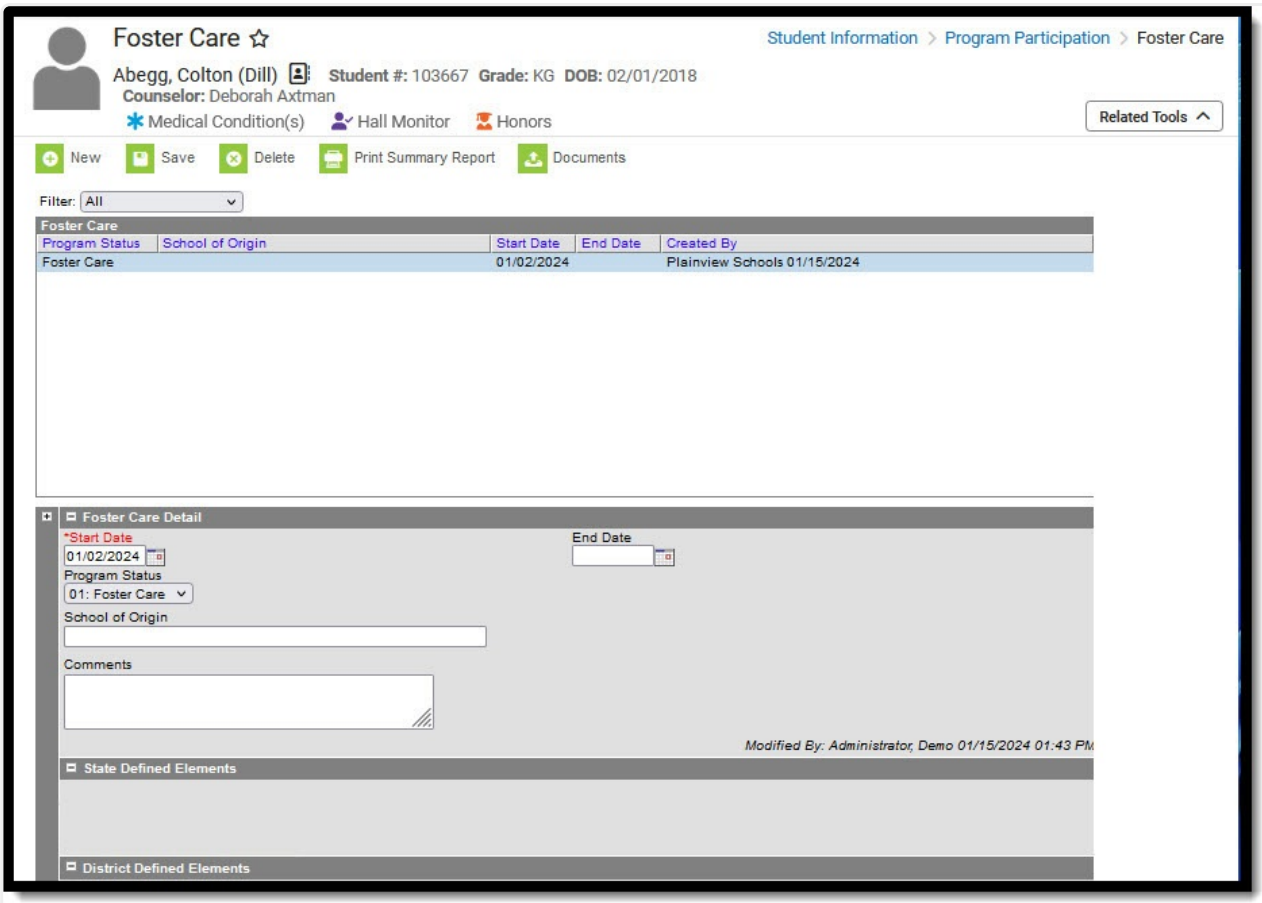
Foster Care

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Path: Student Information > Program Participation > Foster Care

The Foster Care tool indicates whether a student is in Foster Care. A start and end date is associated with each instance of a Foster Care record. These records are not tied to student enrollments or calendars. Data syncs to state editions for all scoped years (current year, M1 and P1).

Fields vary by state. For states with existing enrollment fields that collect foster care information (South Dakota and Washington), this tool is not available. However, if a BIE school exists in these states, it is available and data syncs to NASIS.



Foster Care information is entered and maintained using this tool.

See the Program Participation Tools Tool Rights article to learn about rights needed to use

this tool.

Enter/modify foster care records

General information:

- Overlapping records are not allowed.
- If a new record is added before an existing record has an end date, a warning message displays. Enter an End Date on the existing record before adding a new record.
- If a new record is added that with a start date that is between the start and end dates of a historical record, a warning message displays. Verify the entered date on the new record is correct.

To enter a new record:

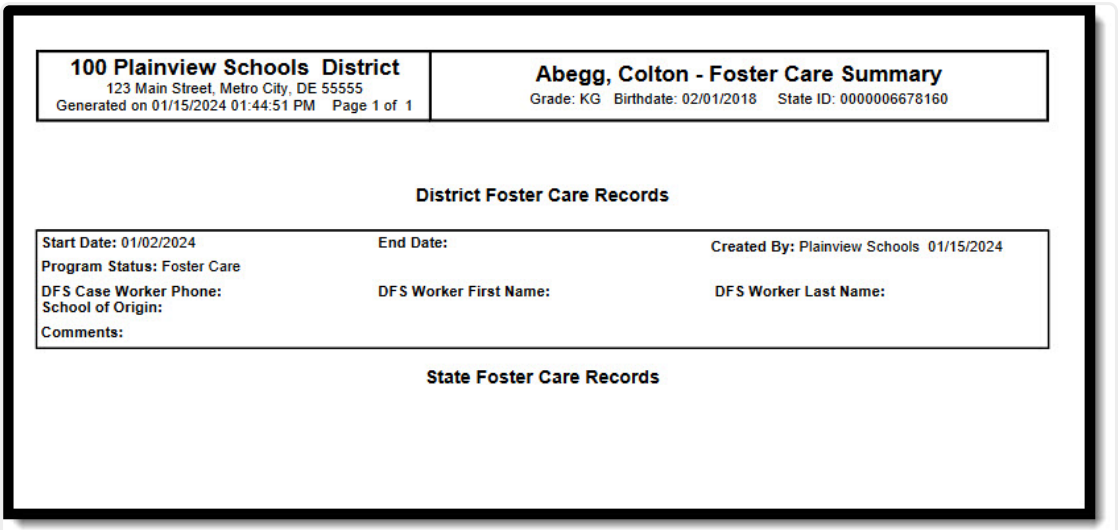
1. Click the **New** icon. A **Foster Care Detail** editor displays.
2. Enter the student's **Start Date** for Foster Care.
3. Enter the **School of Origin** for the selected student.
4. Enter any **Comments** related to the student's Foster Care record.
5. If applicable, enter information for state-specific and district-specific Foster Care fields.
6. Click the **Save** icon when finished. The new record is visible in the Foster Care Editor.

To modify a Foster Care record:

1. Select it from the editor and enter the new information (end date, new comments, etc.).
2. When a student moves out of Foster Care, edit the record and enter an **End Date**.
3. If a record was entered in error, click the **Delete** icon to completely remove it.

Print Foster Care summary report

Click the Print Summary Report to display a PDF view of the student's Foster Care records.



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Abegg, Colton - Foster Care Summary
Grade: KG Birthdate: 02/01/2018 State ID: 0000006678160

District Foster Care Records

Start Date: 01/02/2024 | End Date: | Created By: Plainview Schools 01/15/2024
Program Status: Foster Care
DFS Case Worker Phone: | DFS Worker First Name: | DFS Worker Last Name:
School of Origin:
Comments:

State Foster Care Records

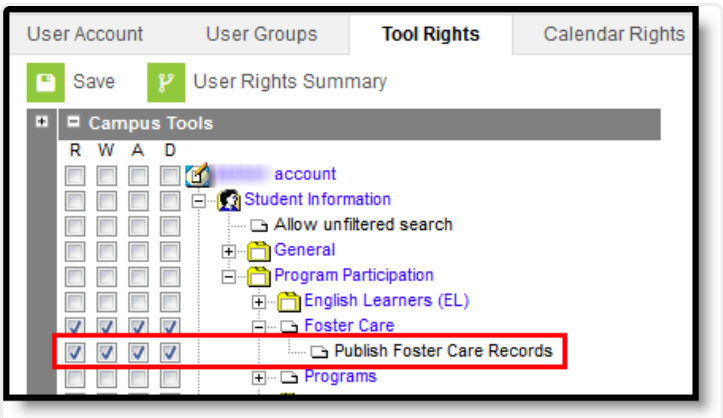
Foster Care Print Summary

Publish Foster Care records from a State Edition to a District Edition (State Edition users only)

Foster Care records can be published for an individual student from a State Edition to a District Edition.

Publish Foster Care records tool rights

Users must have at least **W**(rite) tool rights to the Publish Foster Care Records sub-right in order to use this tool.



Publish Foster Care Records Tool Rights

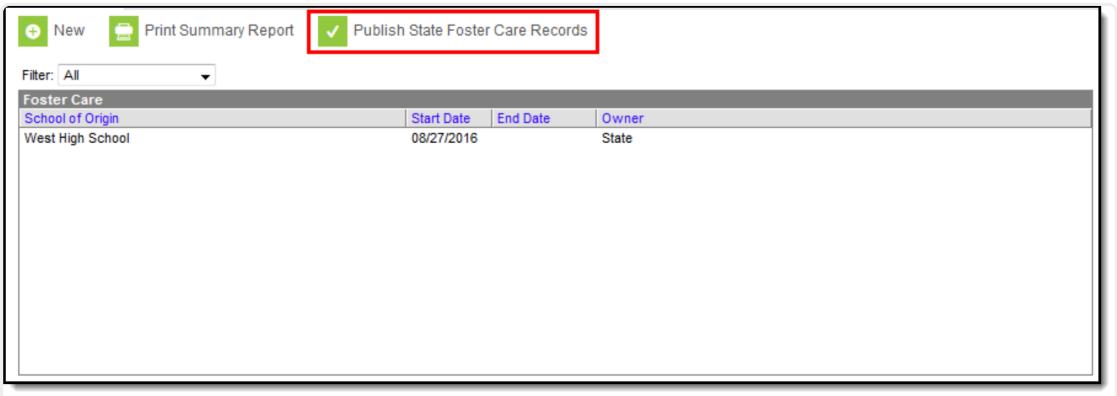
To publish foster care records from a State Edition to District Editions:

Note the following:

- Users must have statewide access to publish student records.
- There must be at least one state owned record for the student in order for the Publish State Foster Care Records icon to display.
- Only state owned records can be published.
- For State linked customers, the Owner column on both the State and District editions displays the district name if the record is a district owned record and 'State' if it is a state owned record. The Filter dropdown allows users to view all records, only state owned records, or only district owned records.

When data is published from the State Edition to DIS-linked District Editions, logic compares data from the State Edition versus the District Edition:

- Only State owned data is published down to districts.
- If the Foster Care record being published does not exist at the district, the Foster Care record is created at the district.
- If the Foster Care record being published exists at the district, data changes made at the State level are updated on the district record.
- If the Foster Care record being published exists at the district but no changes exist between the state and district record(s), no update is made.
- If the Foster Care record being published exists at the district but the record was deleted in the State Edition, the record is deleted at the district.



State Edition customers can publish individual student's state foster care records.

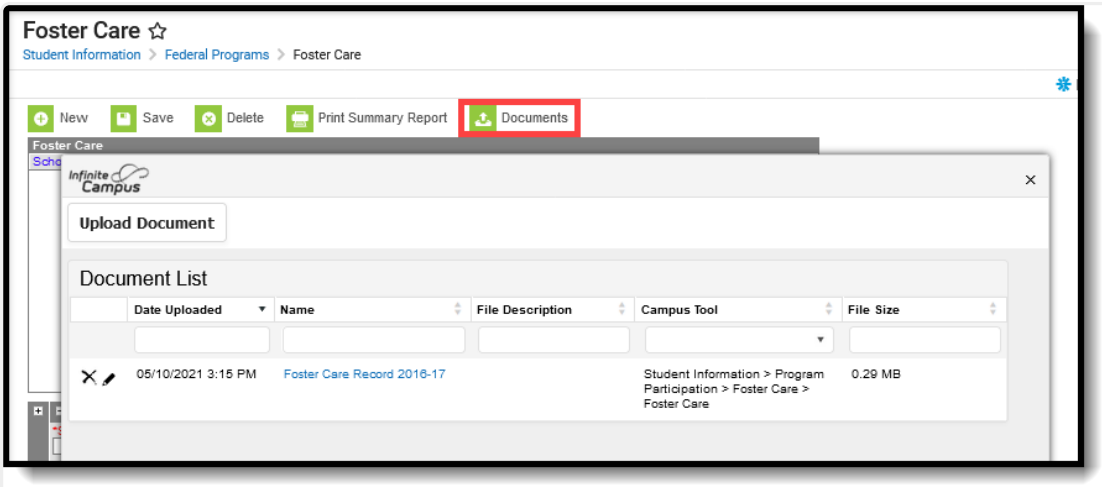
1. Click the **Publish State Foster Care Records** icon.
2. A message displays indicating the request has been submitted. Click **OK.**
3. A Foster Care record is created in the District Edition.

Custom tools

Users can create custom tabs for Foster Care in State and District editions. Custom tabs do not sync to the state edition from the district edition. Custom tabs are available in Ad hoc reporting.

Document upload

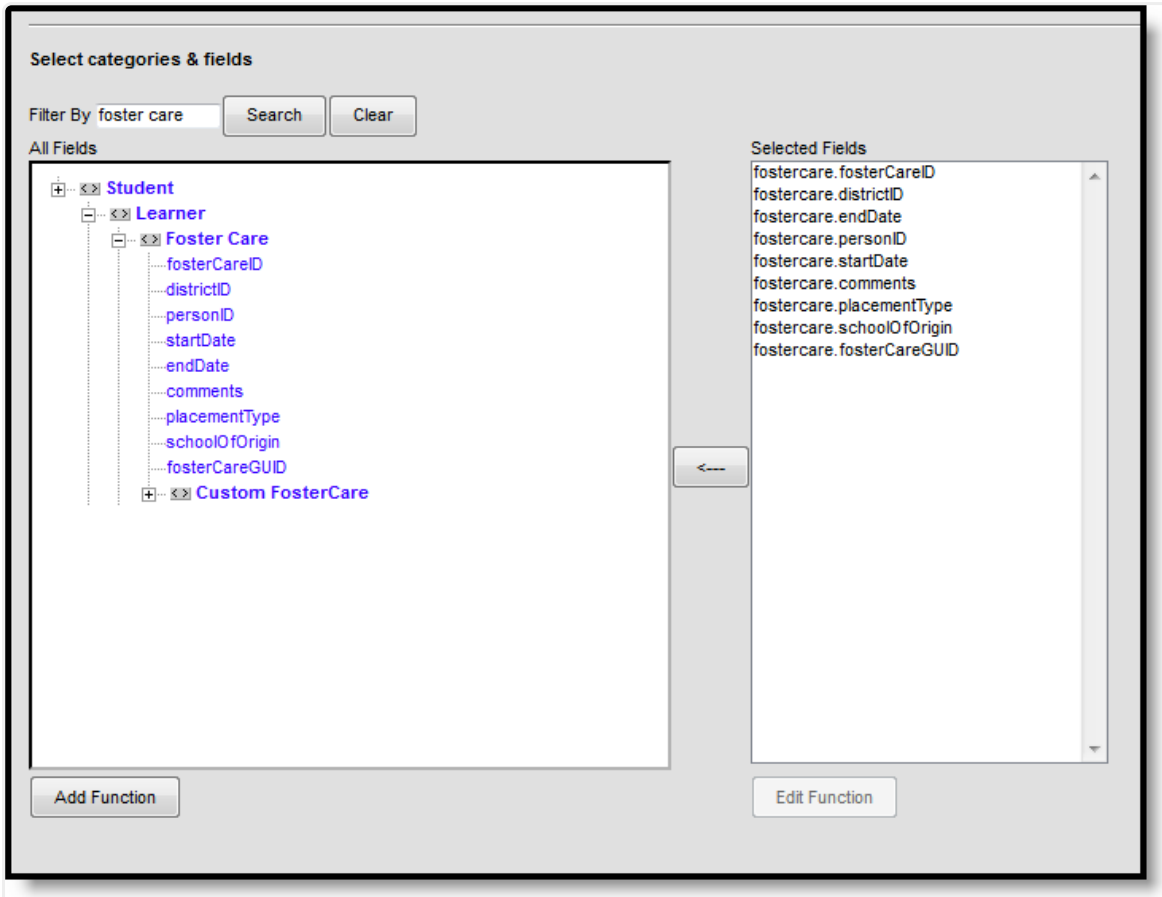
To view or upload documents, click the **Documents** button on the action bar. See the Student Person Documents article for more information.



Upload foster care documents.

Foster Care Ad hoc reporting fields

Create a report that pulls Foster Care elements in the Filter Designer using the **Student** Data Type. Foster Care elements are located in the **Student > Learner > Foster Care** folder.



Foster Care related Ad hoc fields can be used to create filters.

Foster Care detail editor fields

Field	Description	Ad hoc Fields
Start Date *Required*	Indicates the date the student was first considered to be in the Foster Care program. Dates are entered in *mmddyy* format, or can be chosen by clicking the calendar icon.	fosterCare.startDate
End Date	Indicates the date the student was no longer considered to be in the Foster Care program. Dates are entered in *mmddyy* format, or can be chosen by clicking the calendar icon.	fosterCare.endDate

Field	Description	Ad hoc Fields
Program Status	Indicates the status of the Foster Care program. Default value is the name of the program. Districts can modify the droplist.	programStatusFosterCareCore
School of Origin	Indicates the school in which the student is enrolled at the time of placement in Foster Care.	fosterCare.schoolOfOrigin
Comments	Lists any additional information related to the student's placement into Foster Care or movement out of Foster Care.	fosterCare.comments
State Reporting Fields	Displays any state-specific fields that are used when reporting Foster Care information.	N/A
District Defined Elements	Displays any district-specific fields that are used for recording Foster Care information at a specific district. These are created in the Custom toolset.	N/A
Created By	Displays in the Editor. Autogenerated name of district, date and timestamp indicating who created the entry. For State Edition customers, displays the state if the state created the entry.	
Modified By	Displays in the Detail Editor. Indicates the person who last saved the selected record.	

State-specific information

Follow these links to view Foster Care information for your state. Linked articles open in a new browser tab.

- BIE
- Delaware
- Idaho
- Indiana
- Kentucky
- Maine
- Michigan
- Minnesota
- Missouri
- Nevada
- North Carolina
- North Dakota
- Oregon
- Texas