

# Every Transition Counts: High School Fact Sheet

## COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Reported the On-Time Graduation Rate for Students in Foster Care was **29.3%** in 2014-15



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ON-TIME  
GRADUATION  
RATE

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### UNC RESEARCHERS LOOKED AT HOW CHANGING SCHOOLS RELATES TO GRADUATION RATES

EDUCATIONAL STABILITY IS LIKELY TO IMPROVE THE ODDS OF COLORADO STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL



SCHOOL STABILITY



SEAMLESS TRANSITIONS



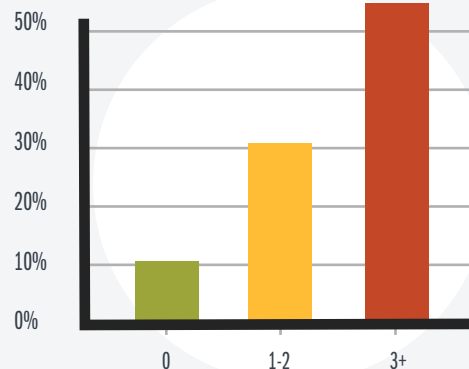
STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE CHANGE TYPICALLY CHANGE SCHOOLS 3 OR MORE TIMES DURING HIGH SCHOOL

SCHOOL CHANGES ARE THE ASPECT OF EDUCATIONAL STABILITY THAT CAN BE COUNTED

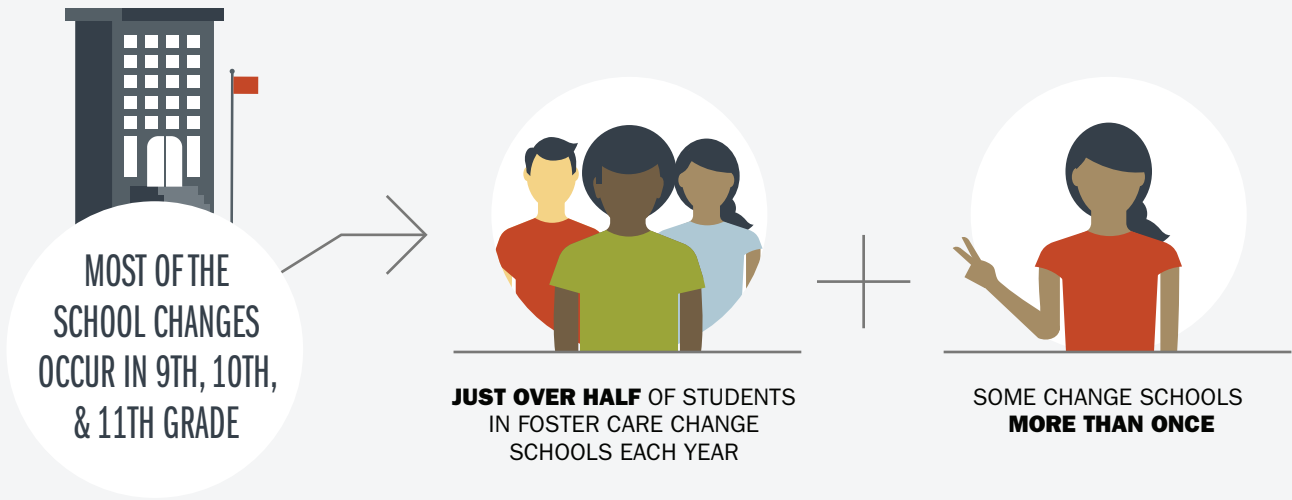
**MALE STUDENTS** AND **MINORITY STUDENTS** IN FOSTER CARE ARE AT GREATER RISK FOR FREQUENT SCHOOL CHANGES THAN FEMALES OR WHITE STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

### NUMBER OF SCHOOL CHANGES DURING HIGH SCHOOL

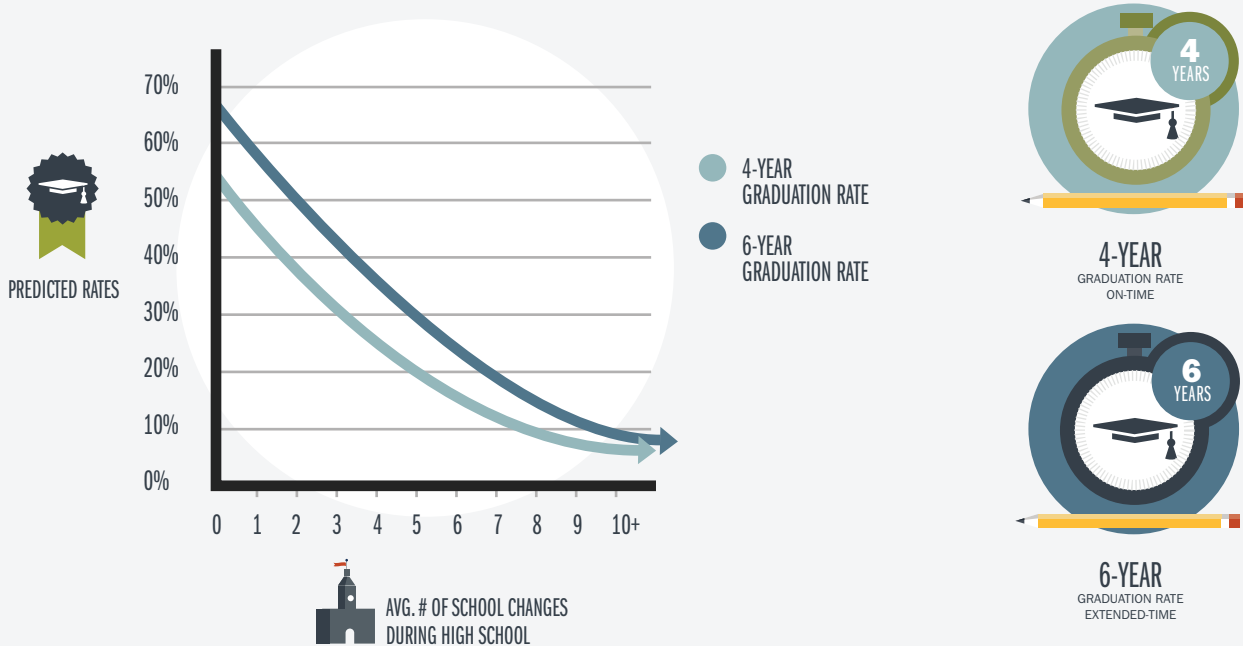
PERCENT OF STUDENTS



AVG. # OF SCHOOL CHANGES DURING HIGH SCHOOL



## THE ODDS OF STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL ARE BETTER WHEN THEY HAVE MORE TIME TO MEET GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS AND EDUCATIONAL STABILITY



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Quotes: Mile High United Way, Focus Groups with Former Foster Youth

Full Report: Every Transition Counts [www.unco.edu/cebs/foster-care-research](http://www.unco.edu/cebs/foster-care-research)

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