

**California Foster Youth Education Task Force
Education Rights**

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- **PARTIAL CREDIT:** receive partial or full credit for work completed at other schools (all students have this right);
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for more information, see
www.abanet.org/child/rclji/
education/ab490.html

or CA Ed. Code §§ 48850-48853.5; 49076(11)

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For more information, please contact your local foster youth education liaison. You can find your local liaison's contact info at:
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