

281—41.45(256B,34CFR300) Ward of the state.

41.45(1) General. Subject to subrules 41.45(2) and 41.45(3), “ward of the state” means a child who, as determined by the state where the child resides, is:

- a. A foster child;
- b. In the custody of a public child welfare agency; or
- c. A ward of the state.

41.45(2) Exception. “Ward of the state” does not include a foster child who has a foster parent who meets the definition of a parent in rule 281—41.30(256B,34CFR300).

41.45(3) Interpretive note. “Ward of the state” is a term rarely used in Iowa law. It would be an extremely rare occurrence for a child to be a ward of the state while not being either a foster child or in the custody of a public child welfare agency.