All Island Harbor discharges must be planned, with sufficient time to prepare. Unplanned discharges are considered emergency discharges. TAMU-CC and the student’s caseworker will take all reasonable steps to prevent emergency discharges from TAMU-CC.

Ultimately, discharge will occur when the student successfully graduates with a degree from TAMU-CC. The student must provide written notice to TAMU-CC and the student’s caseworker at least 30 days prior to graduation.

Discharge can also occur if the student turns 21 prior to graduation. The student must provide written notice to TAMU-CC and the student’s caseworker at least 30 days prior to discharge.
Discharge initiated by the student can also occur when the student:

- Requests a change in SIL providers
- Completes SIL and Extended Foster Care goals and is ready to leave care for trial independence
- Refuses, or is unable to comply with, eligibility to be in Extended Foster Care and leaves for trial independence
- Refuses to comply with the TAMU-CC rules and regulations
- Ends eligibility for Extended Foster Care
- Or demonstrates a need to be in a traditional Extended Foster Care placement that has more supervision because of issues such as maturity, behaviors, and safety.

The student must provide written notice to TAMU-CC and the student’s caseworker at least 30 days prior to discharge.
DISCHARGE FROM ISLAND HARBOR

Discharge initiated by TAMU-CC can also occur if:

TAMU-CC is no longer in the student’s best interest

OR

TAMU-CC is not meeting the student’s needs

TAMU-CC must provide written notice to the student and the student’s caseworker 30 days before the discharge date.

Discharge initiated by DFPS can occur if:

TAMU-CC is no longer in the student’s best interest

OR

TAMU-CC is not meeting the student’s needs

The caseworker must provide written notice to the student and TAMU-CC 30 days before the discharge date.
DISCHARGE FROM ISLAND HARBOR

The Island Harbor SIL placement at TAMU-CC will remain open for 14 days after DFPS receives notification of an **unplanned** discharge to allow the caseworker and the student to discuss the discharge, ensure that the student is secure, and certain of the decision to leave TAMU-CC.

If the student does not return to TAMU-CC within 14 days, the placement is closed.

The student’s caseworker is responsible for notifying the SIL coordinator.
Within 90 days before the student’s planned date of discharge from TAMU-CC, the CPS caseworker will schedule a Transition Plan Review with the student and the TAMU-CC Foster Care Liaison.

The Transition Plan Review will include, but is not limited to:

- Housing
- Job/Education
- Contact information for Preparation for Adult Living (PAL) staff
- Contact information for Transition Centers
- Review of PAL or other Transitional Living Services benefits
- Aftercare support
- Plans while on a Trial Independence period (if appropriate)
- Current information about Star Health or STAR member healthcare plan