**Best Interest Determination (BID) Form**

*This form is to help a district and OCS document how they and other stakeholders determined which school a foster care (FC) student should attend based on the* ***student’s*** *best interest. Note: districts should always assume it’s in a student’s best interest to remain in their School of Origin (SOO), unless the FC placement is in a new community not connected by road to the SOO, or is more than 50 miles away.*

**Student Name:**

**Foster Parent Name:**

**Before most recent foster care home placement change:**

**Community:**       **School of Origin:**

**After most recent foster care home placement change:**

**Community:**       **Possible School:**

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Due to the reasons marked below, it was determined to be in the student’s best interest to--

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| **Remain in their School of Origin (SOO)** | **Switch Schools to:** |
| The SOO is the only school in the community  There are other schools available, but the SOO provided the best educational stability and the student--  has already moved schools previously  has academic challenges  has good relationships with SOO staff  has good friendships at SOO  has siblings or other relatives at SOO  participates in extracurricular activities at SOO  prefers the SOO  is likely to have an FC placement change again soon  other:  Other:  **Transportation:**  *Districts must provide FC students transportation to* maintain their SOO *if lack of transportation will create a barrier to attendance.*  **How FC student will be transported to school:**  Walk  Tweak bus route  Customized bus  In Lieu of Transportation Agreement  Taxi  School vehicle  Other: | Student foster placement is in a new community that is not connected by road to their SOO  Student foster placement is in a new community that is more than 50 miles away from their SOO  Student foster placement is in the same community as SOO, but the student--  has problematic relationships at the SOO  wanted to switch to the new school  has siblings or other relatives at the new school  has special needs better met by new school  participates in activities offered at new school  could switch during a logical educational juncture  finds the commute to SOO too long  other:  Other:  **Immediate Enrollment**:  *When it’s been formally determined to be in an FC student’s best interest to switch schools, the district must provide immediate enrollment for documented FC students, even if records normally required are not available. Records requests should be sent to prior school immediately. No special transportation for FC must be provided.*  **Date FC student was enrolled in new school:**  **Date FC students records were requested from previous school or district:** |

**Notes:**

**Names of Participants in BID:**

**Document/evidence used for BID:**

**Completed by:**

**Date:**