Best Interest Determination Form

Student Information

School System: _____ **School of Origin:**_____ **Date:** _____

Student's Name: _____ **DOB:** _____ **Age:**_____ **Gender:**____ **Grade:**_____

IDEA/504/EL?_____ **Primary Contact (Title/Name/Number):**_____

Emergency Phone Contact (Title/Name/Number): _____

Foster Parent Name: _____ **Cell #** _____ **Address:** _____

I. Determination: Mark either school of origin or school of zone for each.

Consideration Item	School Of Origin	School of Zone	Evidence/Comments
Preference of Youth/Child			
Preference of Education Decision Maker			
Child's or Youth's attachment to school			
Placement of Siblings			
Educational & social emotional needs			
IDEA or 504 needs & supports			
Existing services (Homeless, EL, PreK, sports, etc.)			
Special Academic Needs (EL, etc.)			
Time in route			
Other			

Final Determination

Student will attend: ☐ **School of Zone** ☐ **School of Origin** ☐ **Undecided: Refer to dispute resolution team:**

Explanation for decision:_____ Transportation Needed: _____

School: _____School Address _____School Hours:_____

Pick up address _____ Drop off address _____

II. Signatures Contact Info

_____ DCS POC

_____ LEA POC

_____ Educational Decision Maker

_____ School Principal or Designee

_____ DCS Case Worker

_____ Other (DCS or LEA)

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1. If a student exits foster care during the school year, TDOE indicates that districts should allow them to remain in the school of origin at least through the end of the academic year.
2. A district must ensure that students remain in their school of origin while any dispute is being resolved.
3. Methods of transportation and related costs are **NOT** to be considered when determining the best interest.