

Determining Feasibility for Remaining in School of Current Attendance

Under SB 1006, a foster care child placed across jurisdictional lines may be able to remain in the school attended prior to the most recent foster care placement, if it is in the best interest of the child. The following are guidelines for determining the feasibility of a foster care child remaining in his or her school. When determining what placement is in the child's best interest, include:

- The child
- The parents or caretakers of the child
- Representatives of social service agencies
- School teachers
- School social workers
- School counselors

The following questions may be used to gather information useful in determining the feasibility for school placement decisions that are in a student's best interest.

1. What has been the school attendance history of the child? Please provide the following information for the previous schools the child attended, listing the most recent school first.

- Dates of Attendance School
- Name/Division/State
- Living Arrangement at the Time

2. Are the school of current attendance and the school of residency in the same or different public school divisions?
3. What is the child's desire concerning the school of his/her best interest?
4. What is the opinion of the parent or caregiver concerning the child's school of best interest?
5. What is the distance and time spent on travel from the current residence to the school of current attendance?
6. If transportation is not currently available back to the school of current attendance, how can it be arranged?
7. What time of year is it (near the end of the school year, the summer)?
8. How long did the child attend the current school? Were meaningful social and educational relationships established?

9. Are there specified people in the school of current attendance who have been providing support or assistance to the family or child?
10. Are there special programs such as gifted, bilingual, or remedial education in which the child has been participating at the school of current attendance?
 - If yes, please name.
 - Are they available at the school of residency?
11. Based on the knowledge of the family situation, how long is it likely that the family will remain at the current residence?
12. What is the likelihood that the foster care child will once again establish residency in the attendance area of the current school?

Recommendation:

Individuals consulted on this determination of feasibility for school placement in the student's best interest:

Signatures and titles of the individual(s) making the recommendation: