The school of origin is the school in which a child is enrolled at the time of placement in foster care.
Supportive Adults

Child Welfare Agency

School District

Working for the Best Interest of the Child

Supportive Adults
A child should remain in the school of origin unless it is determined to not be in his/her best interest.
Districts and child welfare agencies should meet with a team of individuals representing the child.
Consider several factors when deciding on school placement for the child.
The child’s emotional well-being should be considered. Transportation cost should not be a factor in the decision.
The student should attend his/her school of origin until a best-interest determination is made.
Collaborate for the Best Decision

School District and Child Protection Agency

Establish guidelines to be used in the decision-making process

If a decision cannot be reached...

Child protection agency should decide the best educational placement for the child
If it is not in the student’s best interest to remain in the school of origin, the child should be immediately enrolled in the new school. Do not wait for student records.
IEPs
Student Success Plans
Transcripts
Course of Study
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• Overview of foster care provisions
• Information about the district point of contact
• Information about transportation
• Local collaboration