**End of Year Best Interest Determination Form**

**(Foster Care)**

Student’s Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Student ID: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Current School/District: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Current Grade: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* **If student is remaining in the same district and foster home, please check box and move to complete demographic information page 4.**

***The student shall remain in the school they were attending at the time of placement unless the responses to the following questions provide evidence that a change of placement is in the student’s best interest.***

**Education:**

How many schools has the student attended in last 3 years? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* How many this year? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* How have the school changes affected the student emotionally, socially, academically, and/or physically?

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* Are there any safety considerations related to school placement?

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**Academics:**

* Did Student:
	+ Earn full academic credits or pass classes needed for promotion?

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* Describe the student’s ties to the current school, including significant relationships and involvement in activities.

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**Specialized Instruction:**

* Does the student have an IEP (circle one)? YES NO
	+ If yes, what related services are required and to what extent can each school meet those needs?

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* Does the student have a 504 plan (circle one)? YES NO
	+ If yes, what accommodations are needed?

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**Transportation:**

* Length of time to school of origin:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Distance (in miles): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ How would this impact the student?

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* Length of time to school of residence:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Distance (in miles): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
	+ How would this impact the student?

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**Placement Preference:**

* What school does the student prefer? Why? How was this information attained?

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* Which school do the birth parents/guardians or education decision maker prefer? Why?

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* Which school does DFS prefer? Why?

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* Which school do the foster parents prefer? Why?

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What is the student’s permanency plan (check all that apply)?

* Reunification
* Termination of Parental Rights/Adoption
* Guardianship
* Permanent Guardianship
* Another Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

What is the expected date for achieving the permanency plan? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Supporting Documentation:**

Attach any documents that were used to make this determination of best interest. (The following checklist is a sample of documents that may be considered and is not intended to be exhaustive.)

* Report cards
* Progress reports
* Achievement data (test scores)
* Attendance
* IEP or 504 Plan
* E-mails or correspondence from individuals consulted
* Discipline records
* EdInsight Comprehensive Student Report

**Demographic Information**

Student’s Address before move:

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Student’s Current Address:

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Foster Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_Phone:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

DFS Worker Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Date student placed in custody: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Placement Change: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

District student was in before coming into Foster Care: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Signature Page**

**Determination:**

* The student shall remain in the school in which the student was enrolled at the time of placement.

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

* Based on the best interest determination, a change in school placement is needed. The student will be immediately enrolled in the school of current residence.

Name of School: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The views of all parties in attendance will be taken into consideration and their agreement with the determination will be recorded, but the final decision will be made by the representative of the school of origin, the representative of the school of residence and the DSCYF representative. *If these three parties cannot agree, the child will remain in the School of Origin.* (14 DE Admin. Code 903)

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| Participants | Printed Name(Title and/or relationship to student) | Signature | Agreement with determination?(Circle & initial) |
| \*Representative of the school of origin(REQUIRED) |  |  | Yes | No |
| \*Representative of the school of residence (REQUIRED) |  |  | Yes | No |
| \*Representative of DSCYF (REQUIRED) |  |  | Yes | No |
| Student |  |  | Yes | No |
| Other: |  |  | Yes | No |
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\*A dispute resolution process is in place for parties who do not agree with the determination decision. Please ask the Foster Care Liaison for more information.