

# Best Interest Determination for Foster and McKinney-Vento Students

	<b>Foster Student</b>	<b>McKinney- Vento Student</b>
<b>Authority</b>	Mandated by law. ESSA	Highly Recommended
<b>Reason</b>	School Stability when feasible	School Stability when feasible
<b>Initiated by:</b>	CYA	School of Origin and/or School of Residence
<b>Participants:</b>	CYA, SOO Point of Contact, SOR Point of Contact, School Teams, Parents, Foster Parents, Student	SOO Liaison, SOR Liaison, School Teams, Parents, Student
<b>Documentation</b>	PDE/DHS BID form	LEA generated forms and communications
<b>Key Factors</b>	Student age and grade, preference, anticipated time in placement, availability of academic or extracurricular programs, students attachment and connections, safety issues, time of school year, reunification goals.	Student age and grade, preference, anticipated time in current residence, availability of academic or extracurricular programs, students attachment and connections, safety issues, time of school year, family goals.
<b>Final determination</b>	CYA	Parent/Student Agreement
<b>Dispute Process</b>	CYA/ Court System	PA ECYEH