

Foster Care Point of Contact for the Littlestown Area School District
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Best Interest Determination or BID

The BID requires local education agencies or LEAs, county children and youth agencies or CCYAs, and additional relevant parties to make a **collaborative** best interest determination when determining whether it is in the child's best interest to remain in his or her school of origin. A child in foster care should always remain in his or her school of origin unless it is determined that remaining in the school of origin is not in the child's best interest.

Immediate Enrollment

Immediate enrollment means that if it has been determined that it is not in the student's best interest to remain in their school of origin, the student must be immediately enrolled in a new school as soon as possible to prevent educational disruption. This means that LEAs must ensure that a student in foster care is immediately enrolled in his or her new school even if the student does not have the required documentation.

Transportation

Transportation is a central component of educational stability and may be needed in order to fulfill the requirements that both LEAs and CCYAs must provide in order to ensure the educational stability for children in foster care.

Memorandum of Understanding

A memorandum of understanding has been established between the Littlestown Area School District and the Adams County Children and Youth Services (ACCYS).

The purpose of the agreement is to establish transportation between the Littlestown Area School District and Adams County Children and Youth Services to ensure the provision of transportation for foster care youth enrolled in a LEA (Pre-K-12) when a best interest determination indicates that the student should remain in the school of origin, and alternative means of transportation to and from school have been fully explored and deemed unavailable.