NEW YORK STATE
OFFICE OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT FOR STUDENTS IN FOSTER CARE

Local department of social services (LDSSs) and local school districts (LEA) will biennially prepare a local transportation agreement for students in foster care that will outline local transportation procedures. This document will provide both local agencies with a list of key contacts for foster care issues, statements regarding the information the LEA and LDSS will provide in support of the best interest determination and additional supports available for students in foster care. These agreements must be done between LEAs and LDSSs when children in the care and custody of social services are

II. In recognition that the LDSS must determine the educational placement that is in the best interest of the child, the LEA agrees to cooperate with the LDSS to support the placement decision. The LEA also agrees to assist in providing the necessary logistical support for the implementation of the decision.

<u>**Supporting the Best Interest Determination (BID) Process:**</u>

    1.   To support the best interest determination process of the LDSS, ***the LEA agrees to the following:***

- Provide any information requested by the LDSS in support of the decision.
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2. When the student is placed in foster care outside of his or her district of origin, but will attend the school of origin in the district of origin (the district of origin and district of attendance are the same):

When the LDSS has determined that it is in a student's best interest to remain in his/her district of origin, the LDSS will notify the LEA POC of the district of origin in writing (LDSS 2999).

a. Upon receipt of notice from the LDSS, the district of origin's LEA POC will notify appropriate school personnel. At a minimum, the school personnel that should be notified **within two business days or sooner** are:
- District Superintendent
- School building principal (building of origin)
- District transportation administrator
- CSE