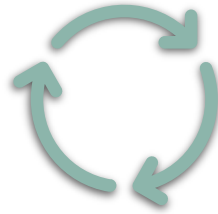


Best Interest Determination

Student-Centered Factors



Grade Level



Age



Special Needs



Timing of
School Year



Length of
Placement



Existing
Connection

Student Focused Determinations

Best interest decisions should be student focused and consider all the above factors.

When making decisions regarding change of schools for a student, consider:

- The academic, social, and emotional impact that transferring to a new school may have on the student.
- If the student has special education needs, the impact that changing schools may have on their progress and access to services. If a school change is indicated, ensure that evaluations and/or services are not interrupted.
- Which programs at the two schools are comparable and appropriate for the child.
- The commute to school in terms of the distance, mode of transportation, and travel time, and whether it is age appropriate and manageable for the student.
- Information about the immediate and long-term educational plans for the student, and information about the student's permanency plan as it relates to school stability.

