

Best Interest Determination: FORMAT AND PARTICIPANTS

Best Interest Determination Meeting (BIDM) Format



In-Person or Virtual
Conference



Phone Conference



Electronically (Email)



Or a combination of all three

LEA (of Origin/of Foster Residence) Participants

Foster Care Liaison | School Administrators | Transportation Coordinator | Special Education
Coordinator | IEP Team | Building Point of Contact

DCYF Participants

Regional Education | Lead Case Worker | Case Manager

Parties request physical presence or gather
meaningful input from:



School counselors, teachers, coaches, and English Learner (EL)
staff



Child's parents, child, child advocate, guardian ad litem, foster
parent, in-home provider, and mental, behavioral, and physical
health providers

Key

DCYF: Department of Children Youth and Families

IEP: Individualized Education Plan

LEA: Local Education Agency

LEA of Origin: LEA at time of placement

LEA of Foster Residence: LEA where child resides



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