# Attachment ASuperintendent’s Memo #152-22July 15, 2022

## Determining Need for a Best Interest Determination (BID) to Decide School Enrollment Following a Residential Placement

The October [2017 *Fostering Connections and the Every Student Succeeds Act: Joint Guidance for School Stability of Children and Youth in Foster Care*](https://www.dss.virginia.gov/files/division/dfs/fc/intro_page/educational_stability/VDOE_VDSS_-_Joint_Guidance_for_School_Stability_of_Children_Youth_in_FC_-_Oct_2017.pdf)describes the school placement process on pages 7-15. This amends the guidance found on page 7.

### If the student has attended a public school during the current academic year:

**BID Required**

The student leaves residential for a placement **not zoned** for the last public school attended during the academic year **unless** the student returns to the same foster care placement immediately prior to the residential placement.

Options include:

* school of residence (any option available to the student based on current address); or
* the school attended prior to the residential placement.

BID process applies.

**No BID**

* The student returns to the **same** address of the last foster care placement;
* The student leaves residential for any placement **zoned for the same attendance area** as the last school prior to the residential placement; or
* School of origin and school of residency are the same.

Immediate enrollment in the zoned school applies**.**

### If the student has not attended a public school during this academic year:

**BID Required**

Not Applicable

**No BID**

Consider this not having a school of origin.

Immediate enrollment in the zoned school applies