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Transportation of Students in Foster Care:

Indiana Administrative Code for the Indiana Department of Child Services (IC 20-50-3-5)

Sec. 5. (a) If a student in foster care temporarily stays in the student's original school corporation but outside the attendance area of the student's school of origin, the original school corporation shall provide transportation for the student from the place where the student is temporarily staying to the school of origin and from the school of origin to the place where the student is temporarily staying.

(b) If:

(1) the school of origin of a student in foster care is located in a school corporation other than the school corporation in which the student is temporarily staying;

(2) the school of origin is located in a school corporation that **adjoins** the school corporation in which the student is temporarily staying; and

(3) the student does not elect to attend a school located in the school corporation in which the student in foster care is temporarily staying;

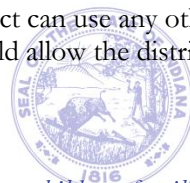
the original school corporation and the transitional school corporation shall enter into an agreement concerning the responsibility for and apportionment of the costs of transporting the student to and from the school of origin.

(c) If the original school corporation and the transitional school corporation described in subsection (b) are unable to reach an agreement under subsection (b), the responsibility for transporting the student in foster care to and from the school of origin is shared equally between both school corporations, and the cost of transporting the student to and from the school of origin is apportioned equally between both school corporations.

As added by P.L.133-2008, SEC.3.

According to Mike LaRocco, the Indiana Department of Education Director of Transportation, there are additional vehicle options available for transporting foster students between adjacent corporations. (See B2 above)

If there are 4 or more students being transported together then the district must use a special purpose bus. If there are 3 or less students being transported together then the district can use any other district owned vehicle(car, truck, van, etc.) they wish. The use of a vehicle other than a school bus could allow the district the ability to transport more directly to the school in question.



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