**Pre-Court Education Checklist**

**The Basics**

1. ***What is the child’s grade in school?*** *\_\_\_\_* ***General grades/GPA*** *\_\_\_\_*
2. ***Where is the child currently attending school?*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
3. ***What type of school placement is it***?[[1]](#footnote-1) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. ***How many absences has the child had this school year?*** *\_\_\_\_*
5. ***Is the child on track for promotion or graduation*** *\_\_\_\_\_*
6. ***Who makes education decisions for the child?*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*
7. ***Who makes special education decisions?*** *\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

***Who is signing off on the child’s IEP and what is his/her relationship to child****? Bio/Adoptive Parent \_\_ Foster Parent \_\_\_ Relative Caregiver \_\_\_ Court-Appointed Educational Decision Maker\_\_; Surrogate Parent App’t by School District\_\_ Note: If Caseworker/Case Manager/Group Home Parent/Private Provider is signing the IEP, there is no legally authorized education decision maker & an EDM is needed.*

***EDM needs to be appointed \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

***School Stability & School Placement : Court Order Needed? \_\_\_\_\_\_***

1. ***How many schools has the child attended in the past three years? \_\_\_\_\_***
2. ***Will the child remain in the same school now? If not, why not***? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. ***If placed in residential setting, will child attend public school***? **If not, why? (medically necessary \_\_ court order \_\_\_ decision by IDEA Parent \_\_) *If attending on-grounds school, how* will the child make progress towards graduation and stay on track to graduate (earn credits, improve skills, etc.)?**
4. ***If child is in an AEDY Program, cyber program or receiving homebound instruction, when will they return to regular school setting? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***

**School Issues *Court Order Needed? \_\_\_\_\_\_***

1. ***Does the child need to be evaluated for special education services***? Is the child failing in school or does his behavior in school interfere with learning?
2. ***Does the child have an IEP***? **\_\_\_ Is it being followed? \_\_\_ Is it meeting the child’s needs? \_\_\_\_ Is the child being educated in the least restrictive environment? \_\_\_\_ Is an IEP meeting needed? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Does the matter need to be referred to pro-bono counsel? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
3. ***Does the child have any conditions/impairments/behavioral needs that need to be accommodated in school? \_\_\_ Does the child need an evaluation for a 504 Plan?\_\_\_\_ Does a 504 Plan need to be developed or changes made to Plan \_\_\_\_\_? Does matter need to be referred to pro bono counsel? \_\_\_\_\_***
4. ***Does the child have school discipline issues? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_Does the child need an advocate to attend a hearing? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_***
5. **Should the child be referred for remedial help in school, Student Assistant Program (SAP) services, tutoring, mentoring, summer school etc.? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
6. **Is the child on track for graduation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_ If not, what are the barriers to graduation? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**
7. **Does the youth have a detailed transition plan that addresses post-secondary education goals and activities needed to support those goals? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

**EDUCATION ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED IN COURT**

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1. *Categories for type of school:* School district; Charter school; Cyber School; AEDY Program (disciplinary setting); On-grounds School; Intermediate Unit school; Approved Private School (APS); Parochial/private school; Homebound Instruction or describe other program. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)