

	INDIANA DEPARTMENT OF CHILD SERVICES CHILD WELFARE POLICY	
	Chapter 9: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) Section 03: Placements and School Notifications	
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POLICY OVERVIEW

The Indiana Department of Child Services (DCS) operates Indiana's Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children (ICPC) unit. This unit will oversee the child's placement, and placement changes. The ICPC unit also works with the DCS Education Services Team to make sure the child's needs are met in their placement and school setting.

POLICY STATEMENT

DCS requires the local DCS office to inform the DCS ICPC Unit in writing of:

1. Any changes in placement for Indiana children placed in other states;
2. All placement changes for children from other states who are placed in Indiana;
3. Changes in the placement address; and
4. Termination of Jurisdiction (see policy [9.10](#)).

When a child from Indiana moves, DCS will let the schools involved know within 72 hours (see policy [8.22](#)) and will send written communication to the following:

1. The school where the child currently attends;
2. The school corporation where the child currently attends; and
3. The school corporation where the child has legal settlement.

Federal law requires DCS, Indiana Department of Education (DOE), and local education agencies to identify state and local Point of Contact (POC) to work together on deciding the best educational interests of Indiana children in out-of-home care.

DCS has appointed the Education Services Director as the agency's state ESSA POC and the Education Liaisons (EL) as the agency's local ESSA POC.

LEGAL REFERENCES

- [IC 31-28-4: Interstate Compact on the Placement of Children](#)
- [IC 20-50-3-3: School of origin](#)
- Check for code on Legal Settlement (8.22 current version)
- [20 U.S.C. § 6301, et seq: Every Student Succeeds Act](#)