

Enrollment Dispute Procedures Involving Children Experiencing Homelessness

When a dispute arises under the McKinney-Vento Act, the law requires the following:

- The child or youth shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute.
- The parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth must be provided with a written explanation of the school's decision regarding school selection or enrollment, including the rights of the parent, guardian, or youth to appeal the decision.
- The child, youth, parent, or guardian must be referred to the local homeless resolution process as quickly as possible.
- The parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth is given a complaint. Ensure that the form is understood and offer assistance if needed.
- The parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth is provided with written LEA contact information and local and state dispute resolution procedures.

A written statement of the decisions and the appeals rights must be provided to the parent or guardian.