

Northern York County School District

Written Explanation of McKinney-Vento Determination Procedural Safeguards Notice of Denial of Enrollment

Date:

In compliance with Sections 722(g)(3)(B)(iii) and 722(g)(3)(E) of the McKinney-Vento Act as amended by the Every Student Succeeds Act (Title IX, Part A, of P.L. 114-95), the following written notification addresses denial of a request for (select from list below):

- Eligibility – the student’s living situation does not meet the definition of homeless in McKinney-Vento Act for educational services.
- School Selection/Enrollment-
 - school of origin _____ is not in the student’s best interest
 - school of residency _____ is not in the student’s best interest

This notice is provided to:

Parent/Guardian/Unaccompanied Youth:

Names of Student(s) for this determination:

This determination was based upon:

If you disagree, you have the right to appeal this decision by _____. You may submit the second page of this notice to the school districts homeless liaison. The liaison must provide you with the details of the dispute resolution process once an appeal is made.

Liaison’s Name:

Title:

Phone number:

Email:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

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The school district hereby notifies the parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth of the following rights:

- The student listed has the right to enroll immediately in the school of choice (based on options mandated by McKinney-Vento) once an appeal is made pending resolution of the dispute.
- If the student(s) want to remain in the same school they were attending or the school they attended when they first became homeless, the student is entitled to transportation back to the prior school pending full resolution of the dispute if the placement (including any transportation involved) is feasible, reasonable and in the best interest of the student.
- **You have the right to appeal this decision.** You may do so by completing the third page of this notice or by contacting Pennsylvania's McKinney-Vento Homeless regional and or state coordinator at the information listed in Level 2 below.
- The family/unaccompanied youth can challenge the school district's decision by providing additional written material or by discussing the matter with the school, school district personnel, McKinney-Vento school district liaison or McKinney-Vento regional or site coordinator.
- The McKinney-Vento school district liaison can assist the family or youth in appealing the school district's decision. A copy of Pennsylvania's Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Complaint Form is attached.
- You may seek the assistance of advocates or attorneys
- You may also ask for help from the Commonwealth's Office of General Counsel's.
- Dispute Resolution Program. This is a voluntary informal mediation process through which a trained impartial mediator helps parties reach a mutually acceptable resolution. Using mediation does not wait a family/youth's right to file a lawsuit before or after the mediation.
- For more information Visit the Homeless Education on the PDE Website.

Dispute Levels:

Level 1:

- You must contact the liaison to start the appeal by the date provided.
- You may explain your disagreement verbally and/or provide written documentation to support your position. You may use this form.

Level 2:

- If you are dissatisfied with the LEA's decision of your dispute you may file a complaint or appeal with the McKinney-Vento regional coordinator and or the state coordinator. Their contact information is:
Region 3 (Adams, Cumberland, Franklin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Mifflin, Perry and York): Sonia Pitzi, Regional Coordinator, Email: slpitz@iu12.org
Phone: 717-718-5924

and/or

State Coordinator: Storm Camara Email: scamara@pa.gov Phone: 717-772-2066

In lieu of filing an appeal with a McKinney-Vento coordinator, you may elect to appeal the LEA decision directly to a court of competent jurisdiction.



Pennsylvania' Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Dispute Letter/Complaint Form

Date:

Regional Coordinator – Region 3
Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH)

Dear Regional Coordinator:

My name is _____ . My child(ren) attend school in the
_____ School District.

I need your help with the following problem(s). I have checked the box that fits my situation. I have included a brief statement in the space provided.

The school district would not enroll my child(ren).

Child(ren) couldn't begin school because they didn't have all their medical and/or school records.

Child(ren) not permitted to stay in their current school.

Special education testing/placement services denied or unavailable.

School District will not provide transportation to stay in the current school.

Other _____

I have written on the reverse side what has already been done to help me. (Optional)

Please call me at (____) _____ or at (____) _____. Or, you can write to me
at: (print full address) _____

Thank you in advance for looking into this matter.

Parent/Guardian/Unaccompanied Youth Name