



**Dispute Resolution Process for Families**  
**The Ewing Public Schools**

**Your Rights Under McKinney-Vento**

If you or your child are experiencing homelessness, your child has the right to:

- Stay in the school they were attending before becoming homeless (school of origin), or enroll in the local school where you are currently staying.
- Immediately enroll in and attend school, even if you don't have all the required documents.
- Receive transportation and access to school services, including meals and extracurricular activities.
- Dispute decisions made by the school or district regarding your child's education.

**How to Begin a Dispute**

1. Contact the Homeless Liaison if you disagree with a school decision.
2. Your child will remain in the school you choose and receive services during the dispute.
3. You will receive a written explanation of the decision and how to appeal it.

**Steps in the Dispute Process**

Step 1: Speak with the District Homeless Liaison to try to resolve the issue formally.

Step 2: If not resolved, submit a written appeal to the Superintendent within 5 school days.

Step 3: If needed, appeal to the Mercer County Superintendent of Schools using [this form](#).

Step 4: You may also file a final appeal with the New Jersey Department of Education.

**Support Available to You**

Contact: Dr. Maria Petsos, Director of Special Services, is here to support your child's rights.

- The Homeless Liaison will help you understand the process and assist with paperwork.
- You have the right to bring an advocate or support person at any point in the process.

## Dispute Resolution Process for Homeless Students

### Contact Information

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All information can be provided in your home language upon request.

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