



Families in Transition Intake

Notice of Right to Appeal

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Be advised that you have the right to appeal the decisions made by **Fort Wayne Community Schools** regarding your student's eligibility and enrollment under Title X, Part C of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act. Students involved in a McKinney-Vento dispute process have the right to enroll immediately in the school of choice pending resolution of the dispute. Immediate enrollment includes full participation in all school activities.

As the District's Families in Transition coordinator, notification should be made to **Christian Perez Mora** in writing within 10 business days of receipt of this letter if you want to appeal the district's decision outlined on the intake form.

If we cannot reach a resolution at the district-level; As required by Indiana Code 20-26-11-15, the Indiana State Board of Education will hear all appeals on an order expelling a child under IC 20-8.1-5.1-11 (legal settlement), in addition to all disputes on (A) legal settlement; (B) right to transfer; (C) right to attend school in any school corporation; (D) amount of transfer tuition; and (E) any under matter arising under IC 20-26-11-15 (Transfers and Transfer Tuition).

- A. The party requesting an appeal or resolution of a dispute by the State Board of Education will submit a request in writing to the State Board Liaison at the Indiana Department of Education.
- B. The Board shall hold a hearing on the timely written application of the interested party.
- C. The Board shall make its determination under the following procedure:
 - A hearing shall be held on each matter presented.
 - Each interested party, including (where appropriate) the parents, student, transferor corporation, transferee corporation, or the state, shall be given at least ten (10) days' notice of the hearing by certified mail or personal delivery. The date of giving the notice is the date of mailing or delivery.
 - Any interested party may appear at the hearing in person or by counsel, present evidence, cross-examine witnesses, and present in writing or orally summary statements of position, and a written or recorded transcript of the hearing shall be made.
 - The hearing may be held by the Indiana State Board of Education or by a hearing examiner appointed by it who must be a state employee. The hearing, at the option of the State Board of Education or hearing examiner, may be held at any place in Indiana.

The Indiana Department of Education's (IDOE) State Coordinator for the McKinney-Vento Act. State Coordinator, Charlie Gibson can be reached by phone at 317-232-0957 or via email at: McKinneyVentoPOC@doe.in.gov

Feel free to contact me if you have questions on this decision or the McKinney-Vento dispute or appeal process.