

FULLERTON JOINT UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT Homeless Education Program

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McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act Dispute Resolution Process

School Selection:

The law states that students have the right to stay in the school of origin (the school that the child last attended when permanently housed or the school in which the child was last enrolled):

- For the duration of homelessness (through graduation if the student is in high school and has moved into permanent housing) EC 48852.7
- If it is in the best interest of the student

Parents and unaccompanied youth may alternatively choose to enroll at a school that serves the area in which they currently reside.

Enrollment Disputes:

- If enrollment is denied at a school where the parent/youth is attempting to enroll, the school must provide written notification of the enrollment decision to the parent/youth. The school, must complete the School Notification of Enrollment Decision Form.
- The parent/youth has the right to dispute the enrollment decision, by completing and returning the Appeal of School's Enrollment Decision Form to the school.
- In the event of an enrollment dispute, the student must immediately be enrolled in the school in which he/she is seeking enrollment pending the resolution of the dispute.
- Parents/youth may provide additional oral or written documentation to support their position and they may seek assistance of social services, advocates and or service providers.
- The school principal or designee will report the dispute to the district homeless liaison within the two school days.
- Parents/youth should provide the school with a mailing address or an alternative means of communication.
- The District McKinney-Vento liaison will make a decision within five days of receiving the notification, and a written report of the decision will be provided to the parent/youth via the mailing address or alternative means of communication provided.