

AX. EDUCATION OF THE HOMELESS STUDENTS (Descriptor Code: FDB)

The District shall comply with the McKinney-Vento Education of Homeless Act. The District shall seek to eliminate barriers to school attendance for homeless students as defined by law. When feasible and consistent with a parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth's wishes, the homeless student shall be enrolled in his/her school of origin and transportation shall be provided at the district's expense.

When not feasible for a homeless student to attend his/her school of origin, as determined by the Superintendent in consultation with the parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth, the student shall be placed in a school that is "best interest of the student." The Superintendent shall submit such placement decisions to the parent/guardian in writing along with notice of the right to appeal and a dispute resolution procedure.

Dispute Resolution

The District shall comply with all interim measures required by law during the dispute resolution process. Parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth wishing to file an appeal shall notify the homeless student liaison. The liaison shall follow the dispute resolution procedure created by the state.

Homeless Student Liaison

The Board designates the secondary principal as the homeless student liaison. This individual shall perform all duties required by law.

EDUCATION OF THE HOMELESS DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCEDURE (Descriptor Code DEB-BR)

District Resolution Procedure

The Board has adopted the following dispute resolution procedure for disputes related to the inner district placement of homeless students:

- 1.1.1. A parent/guardian/unaccompanied student wishing to dispute the Superintendent's school placement decision shall contact the homeless student liaison to file an appeal.
- 1.1.2. The homeless student liaison shall notify the Superintendent of the appeal, and the Superintendent shall take measures necessary to immediately enroll the homeless student in the school in which s/he is seeking enrollment, pending resolution of the dispute.
- 1.1.3. The homeless student liaison shall present the appeal to the Board in a timely manner.
- 1.1.4. The Board will make an independent school placement determination based on feasibility and the student's best interest. When making this determination, the Board shall at least consider the following criteria:
 - The age of the student;
 - The distance of the commute;
 - The impact of the commute on a student's education;
 - The student's safety;
 - If the student has special needs and which school best serves those needs;
 - The amount of time left in the school year
- 1.1.5. The Board shall issue a placement determination within 30 days of receiving the appeal request. The determination shall be made in writing and issued to the parent/guardian/unaccompanied student who initiated the appeal.

State Resolution Procedure

The Board has adopted the following dispute resolution procedure for individuals who have exhausted the district level appeals process and/or for disputes that involve more than one school district:

1.1.5.1. A parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth shall inform the homeless liaison in the district of residence of his/her intent to file a state level placement appeal.

1.1.5.2. The homeless liaison shall assist the parent/guardian/unaccompanied youth with filing the appeal and notify the state homeless coordinator of the appeal.

1.1.5.3. The homeless student liaison shall notify the affected Superintendent(s) of the appeal, and the Superintendent(s) shall take measures necessary to immediately enroll the homeless student in the school in which s/he is seeking enrollment, pending resolution of the dispute.

1.1.5.4. The homeless liaison in the affected district(s), the enrollment officer in the affected district(s), parents of the student, homeless service providers, and the state homeless coordinator shall meet at the direction of the state coordinator to resolve the issue.

1.1.5.5. The District will comply with the state homeless coordinator's placement determination