

Disputes Under the McKinney Vento Act

In most cases, the district, the homeless student, and/or the unaccompanied homeless youth will be in agreement about what is in the student's educational best interest, including which school is in his or her best interest to attend. In some cases; however, the position of the school district may differ from that of the parent of a homeless student or the unaccompanied youth. In these instances, the parent of the homeless youth or the unaccompanied homeless youth may use the McKinney-Vento dispute resolution process to dispute the school district's decision, if desired. Local liaisons must ensure that parents of homeless children and unaccompanied homeless youth have access to the dispute resolution process and that the dispute is resolved promptly and in accordance with the law. "Lee County Schools policy 4125. E. outlines the grounds for a dispute as well as how to initiate dispute."