

# Dispute of Eligibility, School Selection, or Enrollment Under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

This form is for use to initiate the dispute resolution process required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act when the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth disagrees with the District's eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision. District policy requires the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to use the dispute resolution process. Filling out this form is the first step in that process.

To file a formal dispute under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act ("Act"), please fill out this form completely and submit it by email to the principal or the District's liaison for homeless students. District policy typically requires dispute forms to be filed within 15 District business days of receiving the written explanation of the District's decision. However, because the Act's dispute process should be expedited whenever possible, Florida Department of Education and FLVS recommends that you submit the form as soon as possible, preferably within 10 District business days of receiving the written explanation of the District's decision. If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a school, the child shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. The student will remain attending the school where enrollment is sought during the entire dispute resolution process.

If you need assistance filling out this form or if you have other questions, please contact the liaison for homeless students.

**FLVS Full Time Homeless Liaison School Social Worker:** Stacy Mudra, smudra@flvs.net

## FLVS Full Time School Advocates for Homeless Students

**Elementary School:** Natasha Chinchilla, nchinchilla@flvs.net

**Middle School:** Erika Bishop, ebishop@flvs.net

**High School:** Rebecca Heinzmann, rheinzmann@flvs.net

## FLVS Full Time Principals

**Elementary School:** Marc Rummmler, mrummler@flvs.net

**Middle School:** Jessica Smith, jessmith@flvs.net

**High School:** Kenneth Henson, khenson@flvs.net

The principal or liaison will forward this form to the administrator, typically the Superintendent or designee, who will conduct the dispute resolution conference in accordance with the guidance.

1. Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

2. Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

School \_\_\_\_\_

3. If you will be represented in presenting your dispute by someone other than the liaison for homeless students, please identify the person representing you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Please describe the McKinney-Vento eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision that has prompted this dispute resolution process. Attach any documentation you have received from the school regarding this dispute.

5. Date you received written notice of the school's/District's decision causing this dispute \_\_\_\_\_

6. Please explain why you are dissatisfied with the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision.

7. Please describe the outcome you seek from this dispute and why you believe this outcome to be in the student's best interest. Please attach any documents and/or provide any information that you believe supports your desired outcome.

**Signature of Student or Parent/Legal Guardian/Caregiver** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature of Student's or Parent's Representative** \_\_\_\_\_

Date that District Personnel Received this Formal Appeal \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title of the District Personnel Receiving this Formal Appeal  
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Attach to this form any documents that you believe will support the dispute resolution process; if unavailable when you submit this form, they may be presented no later than the dispute resolution conference. Please keep a copy of the completed form and any supporting documentation for your records.

The District's homeless liaison is available to assist the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth in completing and submitting this form.

