

**HUMBOLDT COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**310 E. Fourth Street  
Winnemucca, NV 89445**

**HOMELESS EDUCATION DISPUTE RESOLUTION PROCESS**

The No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (PL 107-110, Section 722) requires that SEAs and LEAs ensure educational rights and protections for children experiencing homelessness. All Nevada LEAs must ensure the coordination of their efforts on the behalf of children and youth experiencing homelessness with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Improvement Act. Part of that coordination is to ensure the prompt resolution of school selection and enrollment disputes.

If a dispute arises over school selection and enrollment, the child/youth must be immediately enrolled in the school in which he/se is seeking enrollment, pending resolution of the dispute [PL 107-110, Section 722 (g)(3)(E)(iv)]. Enrollment is defined as attending school and participating fully in school activities. The school must refer the student, parent or guardian to the LEA's homeless children liaison to carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible. The homeless children liaison must ensure that the dispute resolution process is also followed for unaccompanied youth.

A written explanation of the school's decision regarding school selection or enrollment will be provided if a parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth disputes such a school selection or enrollment decision, including the right to appeal [PL 107-110, &722(g) (E) (ii)]. The written statement will be complete, simply stated, and provided in a language that the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth can understand. Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth will be given the opportunity to initiate the dispute resolution process, either orally or in writing, at the selected school site.

If the dispute remains unresolved at the district level or is appealed, then the district homeless liaison will forward all written documentation and related paperwork to the State Homeless Liaison. Upon review of the LEA and parent information, the State Homeless Liaison will notify the parent of the final school selection or enrollment decision within ten (10) working days of receipt of materials. Copies of documentation and outcome of the dispute, even when the dispute has been resolved satisfactorily without a dispute hearing, must be maintained and made available for review by the SEA upon request for three years following the date of the dispute.

HCSD schools will immediately enroll students experiencing homelessness. If, after enrollment, it is determined that a student is not homeless as defined by the law, HCSD will follow the policies that are in place to address other forms of fraud. Written notice will be given to the parent guardian or youth, including his or her right to appeal the decision.

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