



Dispute Resolution Process of Oakridge Public School

If a parent or guardian of a McKinney Vento Student has any disputes regarding the enrollment or assignment of their student they will be referred to the Liaison for expeditious resolution. When a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment, the child or youth shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute, and shall be provided with all services for which they are eligible while the dispute is being resolved. Parents, guardians, and unaccompanied youth can provide written or oral documentation to support their views. Written documentation initiated at the building level or by the Liaison will be complete, as brief as possible, simply stated, and provided in a language the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth can understand.

McKinney Vento students have the right to remain in their school of origin or the local attendance area school, according to the child's best interest. The school of origin is the school that the student attended when permanently housed or last enrolled. The local attendance area school is any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the student is actually living are eligible to attend.

McKinney Vento students have the right to dispute their school assignment, if their assignment is other than their school of origin. In determining the best interest of the student, the District shall, to the extent feasible, keep the student in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the homeless student's parent or guardian or the unaccompanied youth. If the student is sent to a school other than the school of origin or a school requested by the parent or guardian, a written explanation, including a statement regarding the right to appeal, will be provided to the homeless student's parent or guardian or the unaccompanied youth.

The Liaison will attempt to resolve disputes within five (5) school days. Any dispute which cannot be resolved by the Liaison should be reported to the State Coordinator for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth at the Michigan Department of Education. According to State guidelines, the State Coordinator has an additional five (5) school days from the time of notification to bring about resolution. Individuals not satisfied with the State Coordinator's proposed resolution can appeal such decision to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction within five (5) school days for final resolution of the dispute.