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Mc Kinney Vento Homeless Education Dispute Resolution

School Selection:

The law states that students have the right to stay in the school of origin (the school that the child last attended when permanently housed)

- For the duration of homelessness (and until the end of any academic year in which they move into permanent housing) 722(g)(3)(A)(i;ii)
- If in the best interest of the student

Parents and unaccompanied youth may alternatively choose to enroll at a school that serves the area in which they currently reside.

Enrollment Disputes:

- If enrollment is denied at a school where the parent/youth is attempting to enroll, the school must provide a written notification of the enrollment decision to the parent/youth.
- The parent/youth has the right to dispute the enrollment decision, by completing and returning the district dispute resolution form to the school. <u>http://www.orangeusd.org/special_programs/McKinneyVento/index.asp</u>
- In the event of an enrollment dispute, the student must immediately be enrolled in the school in which he/she is seeking enrollment pending the resolution of the dispute.
- Parents/youth may provide additional oral or written documentation to support their position and they may seek assistance of social services, advocates and or service providers.
- The school principal or designee will report the dispute to the district homeless liaison within the same school day.
- Parents/youth should provide the school with a mailing address or an alternative means of communication.
- The district liaison will make a decision within five days, and a written report of the decision will be provided to the parent/youth via the mailing address or alternative means of communication provided.