



## ORANGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Homeless Education Program

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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.  
<https://orangeusd.org/finalsite.com/departments/educational-services/student-community-services/homeless-support-services>
- 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.



**Orange Unified School District**  
**McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act Dispute Resolution Process**  
**District Explanation of Decision Related To Eligibility, School Selection, or Enrollment**

This form is to be completed by a parent/guardian or student when a dispute regarding enrollment has arisen. As an alternative to completing this form, the information on this form may be shared verbally with the district's liaison for homeless students.

**DISPUTE FORM**

Date Submitted: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Person completing form: \_\_\_\_\_

Relation to student: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of school requested: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to appeal the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision made by:  
 District liaison     District Superintendent     County office of education liaison

Reason for the appeal: You may include an explanation to support your appeal in this space or provide your explanation verbally.

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I have been provided with:

- A written explanation of the district's decision
- Contact information for the district's homeless liaison
- Contact information for the county office of education's homeless liaison
- Contact information for the state homeless coordinator