

HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTHS

The School District of West Salem shall implement the *McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Assistance Act* to ensure that children and youth in transition are provided with equal access to the same free, appropriate public education, including a public preschool education as provided to other children and youths. Children and youths in transition shall have equal opportunity to meet state and district academic achievement standards, and are free from discrimination, segregation and harassment.

Disputes

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a school, the child or youth shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. The district will provide the parent(s) or guardian(s) of the child or youth or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the appealed decision regarding school selection or enrollment, including the rights of the parent(s), guardian(s), or youth to appeal the decision to the Office of Coordinator for Education of Homeless Children and Youth in the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. The district will then refer the parent or guardian to the West Salem School District Homeless Liaison. The West Salem School District Homeless Liaison shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of the dispute.

Appeals will go to the Superintendent or his/her designee. In the case of unaccompanied youth, the West Salem School District Homeless Liaison shall also ensure that the youth is immediately enrolled in school pending the resolution of the dispute.

LEGAL REF: Title X, Part C, NCLB-McKinney Vento Homeless
Education Assistance Act

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