

Agua Fria Union High School District #216
Education of Homeless Children and Youth
Dispute Resolution Process

If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in for a student eligible under the McKinney-Vento Act –

The child or youth shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. Agua Fria High School District will provide its share of the transportation to the school selected for the duration of the dispute resolution process.

The child, youth, parent, or guardian shall be referred to the Agua Fria Union High School District Local Educational Liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible after receiving notice of the dispute. In the case of an unaccompanied youth, the Local Educational Liaison shall ensure that the youth is immediately enrolled in school pending the resolution of the dispute.

The Local Educational Liaison shall work through the expedited dispute resolution process. For Agua Fria Union High School District, that process involves:

- A) Elda Luna-Najera, District Homeless Education Program Liaison, is assigned to carry out the dispute resolution process in an expeditious manner.
- B) The Homeless Education Program Liaison will conduct an interview with the parent/guardian or student via phone or in person. The purpose of this interview is to gather and review all pertinent information to aid the decision making; in the best interest of the student.
- C) The District Homeless Education Program Liaison will make a decision within 5 business days from learning of the dispute.

Agua Fria High School District shall provide the parent, guardian, or homeless youth with:

- 1) a written explanation of the school's decision regarding school selection or enrollment; and
- 2) written forms so that, if dissatisfied with the school's decision, the parent, guardian or youth may appeal the decision to the state level.
<http://www.azed.gov/homeless/liaisonresources>