

Flowing Wells Unified School District
Education of Homeless Children and Youth
Dispute Resolution Process

If a dispute arises over school selection, enrollment, or transportation for a student eligible to enroll 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, and **Flowing Wells Unified School District will provide its share of the transportation to the school selected for the duration of the dispute resolution process.**

If the dispute arises at the school level, the child, youth, parent, or guardian shall be referred to Flowing Wells Unified School District Local Educational Liaison, who shall carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible upon receiving notice of the dispute.

The Local Educational Liaison shall work through the expedited dispute resolution process. Specifically,

The Flowing Wells Homeless Liaison will review all information and determine if further information needs to be collected. The Homeless Liaison will make a decision based on information collected and what is feasible and in the best interest of the student. This decision can take minutes to days based on case complexity.

When a decision is made, written notice of the decision will be provided to the youth, parent, or guardian along with information on the right to appeal to the State. If an appeal is made to the State, Flowing Wells School District will accept the State's decision as final and the dispute is resolved.

Flowing Wells Unified 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) State appeal forms so that, if dissatisfied with the district's decision, the parent, guardian or youth may appeal the decision to the state level.

(<http://www.ade.az.gov/asd/homeless/disputeresolution.asp>)