

Appeal Process

Whenever services, in whole or part are denied, the parent or unaccompanied youth shall receive a Denial of Services letter and an Appeal Notice Form.

The first appeal must be filed with the school principal. The principal shall review and respond within five school days of receiving the appeal.

If the parent is dissatisfied with the principal's appeal decision, or if a decision is not provided within five days, an appeal may be filed with the Superintendent. The Superintendent's Designee (Office of Appeals) shall review the matter and issue a written decision within 10 school days.

During the appeal process, the student shall remain enrolled in the current school



IMPORTANT TELEPHONE NUMBERS

**Shelter Hotline
1-888-731-0999**

**Department of Transportation
301-952-6570**

**Free and Reduced Meal Programs
301-952-6517**



www.pgcps.org/homeless
Prince George's County Public Schools
McKinney-Vento Program Office
301-925-2482



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY McKINNEY-VENTO PROGRAM (MVP)



**Supporting families that have
been displaced due to...**

**EVICTION,
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
ECONOMIC HARDSHIP,
FORECLOSURE**

**For more information, contact
The McKinney-Vento Program
301-925-2482
homeless.education@pgcps.org**

McKinney-Vento Act



If you lost your housing and now live in a shelter, motel, vehicle, on the street, or doubled-up with family or friends, your child may be able to receive help through a federal law called the McKinney-Vento Act.

Children's Rights under the

Students in grades Pre-K through 12 have the right to:

- Attend either the boundary school or the school of origin
- Receive transportation to and from the boundary school or the school of origin
- Enroll in school immediately, (even if missing records normally required for enrollment, such as birth certificate, proof of residence, previous school records, or immunization records)

Unaccompanied Youth

A student is considered an unaccompanied homeless youth if he or she is under the age of 18, experiencing homelessness, and not in the physical custody of a parent or guardian.

Unaccompanied homeless youth are protected under the McKinney-Vento Act and entitled to the above listed rights.

School of Origin



The school of origin is the school the student attended when he or she was permanently housed or the school in which the student was last enrolled. When deciding if it is in the best interest for the student to stay in the school of origin, consider the following questions:

- How old is the student?
- How permanent is the current living situation?
- Will the student have difficulty transitioning? An older student who feels very connected to the school of origin and is going to graduate soon may have a harder time changing schools.
- How anxious is the student due to the move?
- Does the student have special needs that impact school placement or bear consideration for transportation?

Resources and Services

- Immediate enrollment in the student's school of origin, or the school of boundary
- Transportation to the school of origin if the school of origin is outside of the school boundary and not within walking distance
- Immediate access to free school meals

Program Enrollment



1. Speak to your Professional School Counselor or School Registrar to begin the process.
2. Complete the Displacement Statement in your ParentVue account under the Student tab.
3. Completed Displacement Statements come to the McKinney-Vento Program for review.
4. The school must IMMEDIATELY ENROLL approved MVP students. The school is required to work with the parent to obtain school records, a birth certificate, and immunization records.

Questions or Concerns:

If you have any questions or concerns regarding enrollment, call the McKinney-Vento Program Office at 301-925-2482.