



### **McKinney-Vento Homeless Children and Youth Act.**

In accordance with federal law, the SSLC has adopted the following policy regarding resolving complaints brought pursuant to the McKinney- Vento Homeless Children and Youth Act (42 USC Section 11432(g)(1)(c)).

If a family of a student, in completing the SSLC Student Registration Information, indicates they are homeless, the student should be considered homeless. Each homeless student shall be provided services comparable to the services offered to other students. Such services may include:

1. Access to the available transportation services.
2. Educational services for which the student meets the relevant eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title I, special education services and programs for students with limited English proficiency.

For each homeless student, any record ordinarily kept by the school, including immunization or medical records, academic records, birth certificates, guardianship records, and evaluations for special services or programs, shall be maintained so that they are available in a timely fashion. The SSLC administration shall ensure that:

1. Homeless students drawn in the lottery and who choose to enroll will have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in school.
2. The parents of homeless students are informed of the educational and related opportunities available to them and are provided with meaningful opportunities to participate in the education of their children.

Disputes regarding services and assistance provided by the SSLC shall be addressed as follows:

1. Upon receipt of a written complaint from the parent of a homeless student, or an unaccompanied homeless student, the administration shall resolve the complaint within ten (10) calendar days.
2. If the parent wishes to appeal the administrative decision it should be done so in writing within ten (10) calendar days and submitted to the SSLC Governance Council.
3. If the final decision of the SSLC Governance Council is adverse to the parent, guardian or student, the decision along with the New Mexico Public Education Department's dispute resolution process form will be forwarded to the Public Education Department's homeless liaison within five (5) calendar days of the date of issuance of the final decision.