

TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: PUPILS

TITLE HOMELESS STUDENTS

ADOPTED: April 19, 2021

REVISED:

251 HOMELESS STUDENTS

PROCEDURAL SAFEGUARDS NOTICE OF DENIAL OF ENROLLMENT

To be completed by the school district whenever an enrollment or school selection request of a student experiencing homelessness is denied

Date: _____

Name and Title of School Employee Completing Form: _____

Requested School: _____

School District: _____

(This may be the school the child was attending when they became homeless, the school the child is currently attending, or the school where the child is now living.)

In compliance with Section 722(g)(3)(E) of the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, the following written notification is provided to:

Parent or Guardian or Youth: _____

After receiving your request for enrollment or school selection for the student(s) listed above, we hereby provide notice that the request is denied. The reason for the determination is the following:

The Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District hereby notifies the parent or guardian of the student or the unaccompanied youth of the following rights:

- The student has the right to enroll immediately in the requested or preferred school pending full resolution of the dispute.
- If the student(s) want to remain in the same school they were attending, or the school they attended when they first became homeless, the student is entitled to transportation back to the prior school pending full resolution of the dispute of the placement (including any transportation involved) so long as it is feasible, reasonable and in the best interest of the student.
- You have the right to appeal the decision. You may do so by completing a Pennsylvania Department of Education Complaint Form or by contacting Pennsylvania's McKinney-Vento Homeless State Coordinator by phone at (717) 783-6466.
- The family/unaccompanied youth can challenge the school district's decision by providing additional written material or by discussing the matter with the school, school district personnel, McKinney-Vento school district liaison, or McKinney Vento regional or state coordinator.
- The McKinney-Vento school district liaison can assist the family or unaccompanied youth in appealing the school district's decision. A copy of Pennsylvania's Education of Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness Complaint Form is located on the Pennsylvania Department of Education Website. A copy of the complaint form can be printed at the district office upon request.
- The family or unaccompanied youth can opt for an advocate or attorney to handle the matter.
- The family or unaccompanied youth may ask for help from the Commonwealth's Office of General Counsel.
- Dispute Resolutions Program – This is a voluntary informal mediation process through which a trained impartial mediator helps parties reach a mutually acceptable resolution. Using mediation does not waive a family or unaccompanied youth's right to file a lawsuit before or after the mediation.
- For more information visit the Homelessness Education Page on the Pennsylvania Department of Education Website.

Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District's Homelessness Liaison involved in the decision

Name: _____

Title: _____

Phone: _____

Name of McKinney-Vento Regional Coordinator consulted in making this determination:

I hereby confirm that I received this notice.

(Signature of parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth)