



### 3. Enrollment

*Each local education agency liaison for homeless children and youths, designated under paragraph (1)(j)(ii), shall ensure that –*

- *Homeless children and youths enroll in, and have a full and equal opportunity to succeed in, schools of that local educational agency;*

[722(g)(6)(A)(ii)]



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*Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) must keep students in homeless situations in their school of origin, to the extent feasible, unless it is against the parent's or guardian's wishes.*

[722(g)(3)(B)(i)]

*Students can stay in their school of origin the entire time they are homeless, and until the end of any academic year in which they move into permanent housing.*

[722(g)(3)(A)(i)]

[722(g)(3)(A)(i)(II)]

- School of origin – The school that the child last attended before experiencing homelessness or the school where the student was last enrolled.
- School of residency – The school identified by the attendance zone in which the student is currently physically staying.

*A state that has a separate school for homeless children or youths that was operated in fiscal year 2000 in a covered county shall be eligible to receive funds under this subtitle.*

**(Maricopa is a covered county.)**

[722(e)(3)(B)]



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- *Children and youth have the right to enroll in school immediately, even if they do not have required documents, such as school records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documents.*

*[722(g)(3)(C)(i)]*

These documents include:

- Proof of residency
- Guardianship
- Birth certificates
  - Not required, per ARS 15-828
- School records
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- Required dress code items
- Immunization
  - Exempt for 5 calendar days, per ARS 15-872 subsection H



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- Enroll students immediately and then follow up on details, disputes, etc.
- *If a student does not have immunizations, or immunization or medical records, the liaison must immediately assist in obtaining them, and the student must be enrolled in school in the interim.*

[722(g)(3)(C)(iii)]

- *Enrolling schools must obtain school records from the previous school, and students must be enrolled in school while records are obtained.*

[722(g)(3)(C)(ii)]

- *Schools must maintain records for students who are homeless so they are available quickly.*

[722(g)(3)(D)]



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### Dispute Resolution

- The student must be immediately admitted to the school of choice while the dispute is being resolved.
- Liaisons must ensure unaccompanied youth are immediately enrolled while the dispute is being resolved.
- Whenever a dispute arises, the parent or guardian must be provided with written explanation of the school's decision, including the right to appeal the decision, even if the parent/guardian agrees.
- Liaisons must inform unaccompanied youth of their right to appeal the school's decision.
- The school must refer the child, youth, parent, or guardian to the school liaison to carry out the dispute resolution process as expeditiously as possible.

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