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<b>Policy Title:</b> <b>Homeless Students</b>	<b>Effective Date:</b> <b>August 12, 2003</b>
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**In compliance with the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act, Title VII, Subtitle B, the No Child Left Behind Act, and Idaho Code 33-1404, the following procedures are established to promptly resolve disputes regarding the educational placement of homeless students.**

- 1. A homeless student shall be immediately admitted to the school of choice of the parent/guardian, or unaccompanied youth during the period of dispute resolution. Enrollment includes full participation in all school activities.**
- 2. A written explanation, in language the parent, guardian or unaccompanied student can understand, including a statement regarding the appeal process, shall be provided to a homeless student’s parent or guardian, if the school or district determines it will send the homeless student to a school other than the school of origin or a school requested by the parent or guardian, or denies the child homeless status.**
- 3. The student’s parents or guardian shall be referred to the school district’s homeless liaison immediately. The liaison will advise the parent or guardian of the student’s rights and assist in the dispute resolution process. The liaison must ensure that the dispute resolution process is followed for unaccompanied students.**
- 4. If agreement cannot be reached between the parties, the district superintendent shall seek a review by a trained individual appointed by the State Department of Education. The reviewer shall, within seven business days, review the matter to determine how the child’s best interests, to the extent feasible, will be served.**
- 5. The written findings, conclusions and recommendation of the reviewer shall be provided to the district board of trustees at their next scheduled meeting. The board, after review, may accept or reject the recommendation. The board’s determination shall be the final resolution of the dispute.**

**Reference: Policy 8150, “Open Enrollment”**