

CHAPTER 5.00 – STUDENTS

DISPUTE RESOLUTION POLICY REGARDING THE ENROLLMENT OF HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH	5.10.2
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The Alexander City School System will make school placement decisions in the “best interest” of the homeless child or youth. Students will continue in the *school of origin* for the duration of homelessness when a family becomes homeless between academic years or during an academic year; or for the remainder of the academic year if the child or youth becomes permanently housed during an academic year. Students may enroll in any public school that non-homeless students who live in the attendance area in which the students reside are actually eligible to attend.

If the school enrollment decision is contrary to the wishes of the child or youth’s parent/guardian, the school will provide that parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth with a written explanation of the decision, a statement of the right to appeal.

1. The complainant must file a School Enrolment Dispute Form with the school in which the student is presently enrolled.
2. The principal of this school will notify the Alexander City Homeless Liaison of the dispute and take steps to resolve the dispute.
3. When a dispute arises regarding school placement, the system will immediately enroll the homeless student in the school in which enrollment is sought by the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth, pending resolution of the dispute. The Alexander City Homeless Liaison will expeditiously take steps to resolve the dispute (See the District Enrollment Dispute Form). If the dispute cannot be settled by the homeless liaison, the liaison will assist the complainant in seeking technical assistance from an appropriate service agency.

REFERENCE(S):

**CODE OF ALABAMA
16-11-9, 16-12-3, 16-30-1, 16-30-3, 16-30-4, AAC §290-3-1-.02
EVERY STUDENT SUCCEEDS ACT OF 2015,
TITLE VII-B OF THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS
ASSISTANCE ACT OF 2001 (42 USC 11431 ET SEQ.)**

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