DISPUTE OF ELIGIBILITY, SCHOOL SELECTION, OR ENROLLMENT UNDER THE MCKINNEY-VENTO HOMELESS ASSISTANCE ACT

Note: This form is for use to initiate the dispute resolution process required by the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act when the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth disagrees with the

District’s eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision.

District policy requires the parent, guardian, or unaccompanied youth to use the dispute resolution process. Filling out this form is the first step in that process. Informal resolution is encouraged but does not extend any deadlines.

To file a formal dispute under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act (“Act”), please fill out this form completely and submit it by hand-delivery, e-mail, or U.S. Mail to the principal or the District’s liaison for homeless students. District policy typically requires dispute forms to be filed within 15

District business days of receiving the written explanation of the District’s decision. However, because

the Act’s dispute process should be expedited whenever possible, FDOE recommends that you submit the form as soon as possible, preferably within ten District business days of receiving the written

explanation of the District’s decision. If a dispute arises over school selection or enrollment in a school, the child shall be immediately admitted to the school in which enrollment is sought, pending resolution of the dispute. The student will remain attending the school where enrollment is sought during the entire dispute resolution process.

If you need assistance filling out this form or if you have other questions, please contact the liaison for homeless students.

Principal Liaison for Homeless Students

Name: Name:

Address/Location: Address/Location:

Phone number: Phone number:

E-mail: E-mail:

Campus:

If you will be represented in presenting your dispute by someone other than the liaison for homeless students, please identify the person representing you.

Name:

Address:

Phone number:

E-mail address:

Please describe the McKinney-Vento eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision that has prompted this dispute resolution process. Attach any documentation you have received from the school regarding this dispute.

What was the date you received written notice of the campus’s/District’s decision causing this dispute?

Please explain why you are dissatisfied with the eligibility, school selection, or enrollment decision.

Please describe the outcome you seek from this dispute and why you believe this outcome to be in the student’s best interest. Please attach any documents and/or provide any information that you believe supports your desired outcome.

Student’s or parent’s signature:

Signature of student’s or parent’s representative:

Date that District personnel received this formal appeal:

Name and title of the District personnel receiving this formal appeal:

Attach to this form any documents that you believe will support the dispute resolution process; if unavailable when you submit this form, they may be presented no later than the dispute resolution conference.