

**WINNER SCHOOL DISTRICT 59-2  
OFFICIAL SCHOOL BOARD POLICY**



**Winner School District Policy on Enrollment, Transportation, School of Origin, and the Elimination of Barriers for Children or Youth Experiencing Homelessness including Unaccompanied Youth**

The Winner School District policy is to:

1. Ensure the immediate enrollment of children or youth experiencing homelessness until all enrollment records may be secured, i.e. academic records, medical records, proof of residency, or other documentation.
2. Keep a child or youth experiencing homelessness in the school of origin, except when doing so is contrary to the wishes of the child's or youth's parent or guardian.
3. Ensure the elimination of stigmatization or segregated services and the elimination of other identified barriers for homeless children and youth.
4. Provide children or youth experiencing homelessness with services comparable to services offered to other students in the school including the following:
  - Transportation services.
  - Educational services for which the child or youth meets the eligibility criteria, such as services provided under Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 or similar state or local programs, educational programs for children with disabilities, and educational programs for students with limited English proficiency.
  - Programs in vocational and technical education.
  - School nutrition programs.

**Resolution of Disputes Regarding Homeless Education**

Disputes regarding enrollment of or services for homeless students shall be referred in writing to the Superintendent. Parents/guardians or other adult or an unaccompanied youth can provide written or oral documentation to support their position. Students shall be provided with all services for which they are eligible while disputes are being resolved. The Superintendent will provide a written statement of his/her decision within 10 student days of receiving the written dispute and any accompanying documentation.

If a dispute is not resolved at the Superintendent level, the individual may file a written appeal with the School Board within 10 days of receipt of the written decision of the Superintendent. If a dispute is not resolved at the district level, it may be forwarded by the individual to the South Dakota Department of Education for review.

When inter-district disputes arise, the individual, all involved districts and the South Dakota Department of Education shall be present to resolve the dispute.