

# New Jersey Department of Education



## Chapter 17: Education For Homeless Children and Students in State Facilities

Division of Educational Services

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# Purpose of the Chapter

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- Ensures that homeless children, students placed in state facilities, and children in **resource family care (formerly known as foster care)** are provided a thorough and efficient education.
- Establishes uniform Statewide policies to ensure school enrollment of homeless children and youth.
- Establishes policies to ensure the educational stability of children in resource family care.





# Proposed New Subchapter 4: 6A:17-4.1 – Purpose and Scope

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- Ensures the educational stability of children placed in resource family care so that they receive a thorough and efficient education.
- Ensures alignment with the requirements in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).



# Subchapter 2 – Disputes and Appeals (slide 1 of 4)



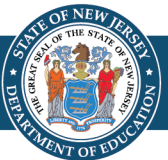
- N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.7(a) concerns, in part, timelines for an executive county superintendent (ECS) to resolve disputes regarding the determination of a child’s homelessness status or the determination of the school district of enrollment.
- N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.7(b) concerns, in part, timelines for an ECS to make determinations when a school district designated as the school district of residence disputes its designation, or where no designation can be agreed upon.



## Subchapter 2 – Disputes and Appeals (slide 2 of 4)



- Based on feedback for N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.7(a) and (b) received during the comment period, the Department has decided not to adopt the amendments that would have replaced “immediately” and “immediately, if possible, but not later than within 48 hours” with “within five business days of receipt of the dispute.”



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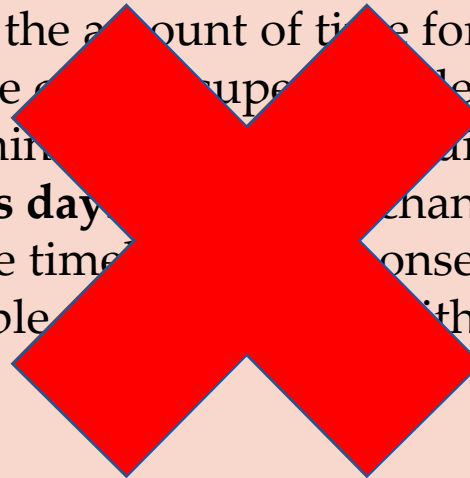


## Current Language

N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.7(a)...the involved school district(s) or the child’s parent(s) shall immediately notify the executive county superintendent, who, in consultation with the Department’s McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Coordinator or his or her designee, immediately shall decide the child’s status.

## Proposed Language

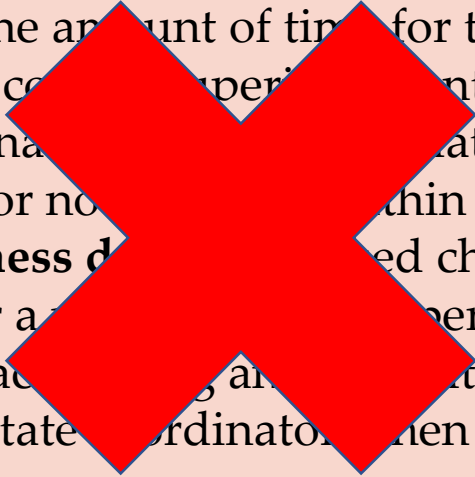
Extends the amount of time for the executive county superintendent to make a determination “immediately” to **5 business days**. This change will make the time for response more reasonable and consistent with current practice



# Subchapter 2 – Disputes and Appeals (slide 4 of 4)



Current Language	Proposed Language
<p>N.J.A.C. 6A:17-2.7(b)...school districts shall immediately notify the executive county superintendent, who shall make a determination immediately, if possible, but no later than within 48 hours.</p>	<p>Extends the amount of time for the executive county superintendent to make a determination immediately, if possible, or no later than within 48 hours” to <b>5 business days</b>. The proposed change allows for a period of time for fact-finding and consultation with the state coordinator when required.</p>





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