



Options for Resolving IEP Disagreements with School

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As part of its general supervisory responsibility, a [State Education Agency](#) (SEA) must ensure implementation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act's (IDEA's) dispute resolution procedures in a manner that meets the requirements of the IDEA.

The United States Department of Education's [Office of Special Education Programs](#) (OSEP) encourages States and their public agencies to work cooperatively with parents to attempt to address their differences through informal means whenever possible. However, when those informal means prove unsuccessful, States should recognize the benefits of encouraging their public agencies to voluntarily engage in mediation with parents, consistent with [34 CFR §300.506](#). Also, since the inception of the Part B program in 1977, State complaint procedures have provided a very effective and efficient means of resolving disputes between parents and public agencies, without the need to resort to more formal, adversarial, and costly due process proceedings.

Sometimes you may disagree with the Local Education Agency (LEA) about your child's special education. When such disagreements occur, parents and school districts can turn to IDEA's procedural safeguards and dispute resolution options, which protect the rights of parents and children with disabilities and include, among other things, procedures for resolving disputes that arise over the identification,

evaluation, or educational placement of the child, or the provision of a [Free and Appropriate Public Education](#) (FAPE) to the child. The [Louisiana Department of Education](#) (LDOE) has developed dispute resolution processes for resolving the disagreement about your child's disability identification or eligibility, evaluation, the level of services or placement, the provision of FAPE, or payment for services that you have obtained.

This **FREE** webinar will provide you with an explanation on IDEA's procedural safeguards and dispute resolution options and the Louisiana Department of Educational rights for students with Disabilities handbook.

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