

Wisconsin Special Education DISPUTE RESOLUTION OPTIONS



IEP Facilitation

This early conflict prevention option provides a neutral, trained facilitator to help the IEP team with the IEP process. The facilitator helps the IEP team maintain open, respectful, and productive communication and is provided by WSEMS.

Contact: Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System
888-298-3857
gia@wsems.us



Mediation

Mediation is available to resolve issues by providing a free professional mediator. The goal of mediation is to come to a mutual decision, in writing, which is binding in federal and state court. Discussions during mediation are confidential and can't be used in further legal proceedings.

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IDEA State Complaint

Any individual or organization may file a complaint if they believe a school district has violated state or federal special education requirements. The complaint must be filed within one year of the alleged violation. DPI investigates the complaint and issues a decision.

Contact: DPI Special Education Team
608-266-1781
dpisped@dpi.wi.gov



Due Process Hearing Request

A written request for a hearing by an administrative hearing officer related to the identification, evaluation, placement, issues pertaining to the IEP, or the provision of a free and appropriate public education of a child with a disability.

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