

Requesting Mediation

Anytime you have a serious disagreement with the school and you feel it isn't getting resolved, you may request mediation. In mediation, you and school personnel sit down with an impartial third person (called a mediator), talk openly about the areas where you disagree, and try to reach an agreement. Mediation is voluntary, so both parties must agree to meet with a mediator.

One of the chief benefits is that mediation allows you and the school to state your concerns and work together to reach a solution that focuses on the needs of the student and is acceptable to both of you.

For more information, visit the Special Education Resolution Center at www.okserc.org/mediation.



Parent Agreement to Mediate and Request for Mediation

I, _____, have read and understood the written materials describing mediation services and have been fully informed that the mediator is not providing the parent(s), the school, or the child with legal representation. I also understand that the mediator is not providing counseling or therapy services.

I am choosing to pursue mediation to try to reach an agreement on some or all of the issues regarding my child's special education program. I understand that the mediation process will involve the mediator's speaking privately to the parent(s) and the school representative(s). I understand that the mediator(s), acting as a neutral third party, will work with each of us to develop an agreement that is mutually beneficial.

If an agreement is reached, I understand that the signed agreement will be shared with other individuals working with my child. I understand that discussions during the mediation session will be confidential and will not be used during subsequent proceedings. I, therefore, agree not to call the mediator(s) as a witness in any future proceedings pertaining to the child's case.

The following is a summary of the issue(s) I would like discussed at the mediation with the school:

I have received a copy of my "*Parents Rights in Special Education.*"

Student _____ DOB _____

School _____

Parent(s) _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email _____

Parent(s) signature(s) _____ Date _____

SUBMIT TO:

Special Education Resolution Center (SERC)

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