

A School Psychologist's Guide to the Dispute Resolution Process

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Learning Objectives:

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Acronyms:



DRP	
DPH	
FAPE	
FIEP	
ARD	
TEA	



Legal Foundations:




Federal Law	
State Law	
Case Law	




State Rules & Regulations	
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Types of IDEA Violations	Examples:	Notes:
 <p>Procedural</p>		
 <p>Substantive</p>		



Common Issues in the Dispute Process:




Independent Education Evaluations	
	Purpose:
	Role of the School Psychologist:
	Common Pitfalls to Avoid:






Manifestation Determination Reviews	
	Purpose:
	Role of the School Psychologist:
	Common Pitfalls to Avoid:











The Dispute Resolution Process in Texas:





State IEP Facilitation	Complaint Investigation	Resolution	Mediation	Due Process Hearing
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State IEP Facilitation (FIEP)		Purpose:
		Where it starts:
		Process:






		Possible Outcome:
		Timeframe:
		Considerations:
		Common Pitfalls:
		Role of the School Psychologist:




Complaint Investigation		Purpose:
		Where it starts:
		Process:






		Possible Outcome:
		Timeframe:
		Considerations:
		Common Pitfalls:
		Role of the School Psychologist:





Resolution Meeting		Purpose:
		Where it starts:
		Process:
		Possible Outcome:

		Timeframe:
		Considerations:
		Common Pitfalls:
		Role of the School Psychologist:

Mediation		Purpose:
		Where it starts:
		Process:
		Possible Outcome:
		Timeframe:

		Considerations:
		Common Pitfalls:
		Role of the School Psychologist:

Due Process Hearing (DPH)		Purpose:
		Where it starts:
		Process:
		Possible Outcome:
		Timeframe:

		Considerations:
		Common Pitfalls:
		Role of the School Psychologist:
		Subpoenas:
Depositions:		



You've Been Called to Testify!

Role of Ethics	
Before Your Testimony	
During Your Testimony	

After Your Testimony	



Special Considerations for Expert Testimony

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