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***Annual Report for IDEA
Dispute Resolution
July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026***



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DISPUTE RESOLUTION MANAGEMENT HISTORY
JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

SCHOOL YEAR	FIEP REQUEST(S) (SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED)	MEDIATION REQUEST(S) (SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED)	COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REQUEST(S) (INVESTIGATED)	DUE PROCESS COMPLAINT NOTICE REQUEST(S) (DISMISSED)
7/1/25 – 6/30/26	9* (4)	10 (0)	25* (13**)	3 (3)
7/1/24 – 6/30/25	7 (0)	7 (3)	15* (7**)	0 (0)
7/1/23 – 6/30/24	8 (4)	4 (1)	19*(13**)	1 (1)
7/1/22 – 6/30/23	3 (2)	5 (3)	10* (4)	3 (1)
7/1/21 – 6/30/22	8 (7)	6 (1)	8 (4)	2*(1)
7/1/20 – 6/30/21	4 (3*)	3 (2)	8 (6)	2 (0)
7/1/19 – 6/30/20	6 (1*)	4 (1)	10 (3)	1 (1)
7/1/18 – 6/30/19	7 (8)	5 (3)	11 (4)	2 (2)
7/1/17 – 6/30/18	4 (3)	3 (1)	12 (4)	0 (0)
7/1/16 – 6/30/17	8 (6)	2 (1)	10 (4)	2 (1)
7/1/15 – 6/30/16	15 (6)	3 (0)	4 (3)	1(0)
7/1/14 – 6/30/15	11 (10)	6 (5)	5 (1)	2 (2)
7/1/13 – 6/30/14	5 (2)	2 (0)	3 (1)	4 (4)
7/1/12 – 6/30/13	2	3	6 (3)	0 (0)
7/1/11 – 6/30/12	10 (5)	4 (3)	2 (0)	0 (0)
7/1/10 – 6/30/11	8 (5)	2 (1)	4 (3)	1 (1)
7/1/09 – 6/30/10	10 (8)	2 (0)	3 (2)	0 (0)
7/1/08 – 6/30/09	7 (6)	1 (1)	1 (1)	0 (0)
7/1/07 – 6/30/08	8 (7)	1 (0)	3 (3)	0 (0)
7/01/06– 6/30/07	3 (3)	3 (3)	3 (3)	0 (0)
7/1/05 – 6/30/06	4 (4)	3 (5)	8 (8)	2 (2)
7/1/04 – 6/30/05	N/A	4 (4)	3 (3)	1 (1)
7/1/03 – 6/30/04	N/A	1 (1)	11 (11)	0 (0)

DISPUTE RESOLUTION SUMMARY JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026

Nine requests for IEP Facilitation were received:

- Four facilitation requests resulted in the successful completion of the IEP.
- One request, the district withdrew the request for a FIEP meeting.
- One request, the district notified the NDDPI that they did not wish to move forward with the FIEP meeting.
- One request the team met but the meeting did not result in the successful completion of the IEP.
- One request the parents chose not to participate in facilitation.

**One request was filed and counted in the 2025-2026 school year. The FIEP meeting was held after the 2025-2026 reporting period. The outcome will be reported in the 2026-2027 Annual Report.*

Ten requests for Mediation were received:

- Four requests the district chose not to participate in mediation.
- Two requests the parent chose not to participate in mediation.
- Two requests the parties met but it did not result in the parties signing a Mediation Agreement.
- One request the parties informed NDDPI that mediation services were no longer needed.
- One request the parent informed NDDPI that the issue was resolved through a meeting with the district.

Twenty-five requests for Complaint Investigation were received:

- Thirteen requests met the criteria, and an investigation was completed.
- Two requests resulted in the parent withdrawing the *Request for Complaint Investigation*.
- Six requests did not meet the requirements for filing a complaint. The parent was offered the option to resubmit.
- One request parent notified NDDPI to say a resolution was reached with the district and was not investigated.
- One request was submitted as a State Systemic Complaint but did not meet the criteria for filing a systemic complaint.

***One request was filed and counted in the 2024-2025 school year, the outcome was reported in the 2025-2026 school year or this federal reporting period.*

**Two requests were filed and counted in the 2025-2026 reporting year, the outcome will be reported in the 2026-2027 Annual Report.*

Three Requests for a Due Process Complaint Notice were received:

- Three requests resulted in the parties reaching a resolution agreement. The agreement resolved the disputed issues, and a Notice of Dismissal was issued.

THE * NOTED ON THE DISPUTE RESOLUTION MANAGEMENT HISTORY CHART INDICATES THE DISPUTE WAS FILED AND COUNTED IN THE CURRENT SCHOOL YEAR, BUT THE OUTCOME WAS COMPLETED AND REPORTED IN THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR OR FEDERAL REPORTING PERIOD.

**FACILITATED IEP MEETING REQUESTS
JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026**

FIEP REQUEST RECEIVED/FILED BY	ISSUE(S)	MEETING DATE(S)	OUTCOME
6/2/2026 Parent	1. Placement, BIP 2. Adaptations/Accommodations 3. Discipline/Behavior 4. IEP Implementation	7/31/2026	Resulted in the successful completion of the IEP. The FIEP request was counted in the 2025-2026 Annual Report. The outcome will be reported in the 2026-2027 reporting period.
4/14/2026 Parent	1. Goals 2. Other (in school for full days not half days)	5/6/2026	Resulted in the successful completion of the IEP.
12/29/2025 Parent	1. Placement 2. Adaptations/Accommodations 3. Assistive Technology	2/9/2026	Did not result in the successful completion of the IEP.
12/19/2025 Parent & Adult Student	1.Placement 2.Transition 3.Other (school lacks staff trained and available for student's IEP needs) <i>(The parent/student filed a complaint request but were notified the complaint did not meet the standard for filing under IDEA.)</i>	2/27/2026	Resulted in the successful completion of the IEP.
11/24/2025 Parent	1. Identification & Placement 2. Services 3. Adaptations/Accommodations 4. Related Services 5. Assistive Technology 6. Progress Reporting 7. Discipline/Behavior <i>(The parent also submitted a Mediation Request; the district chose not to participate in mediation.)</i>	N/A	District withdrew the request for a Facilitated IEP meeting.
11/6/2025 Parent & Sp Ed Dir	1.Identification/evaluation	11/17/2025	District withdrew request for a Facilitated IEP meeting.
10/24/2025 Parent & Special Education Director	1. Placement 2. Present levels of ed perf 3. Services 4. Transition 5. Goals 6. Other 7. Adaptations/Accommodations 8. Assistive Technology 9. Discipline/Behavior 10.Implementation of IEP	11/18 & 11/20, 2025	Resulted in the successful completion of the IEP.
10/16/2025 Special Education Director	1. Placement 2. Services 3. Transition 4. Goals 5. Adaptations/Accommodations 6. Progress Reporting 7. Discipline/Behavior 8. Implementation of IEP 9.Other (impasse)	11/13/2025	Resulted in the successful completion of the IEP.
9/26/2025 Special Education Director	1. Adaptations/Accommodations	N/A	Parents chose not to participate in facilitation.

**MEDIATION REQUESTS
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MEDIATION FILED BY	DATE FILED	ISSUE(S)	OUTCOME
Parent	5/28/2026	1. Bullying/harassment 2. IEP Implementation	The district chose not to participate in mediation.
Parent	5/4/2026	1. Communication 2. IEP Services 3. Placement	The district chose not to participate in mediation.
Special Education Director	5/1/2026	1. LRE Implementation, PWN's, Proper Notice 2. Required IEP team members 3. Procedural Safeguard Notice	The parent chose not to participate in mediation.
District Superintendent	4/28/2026	1. Implementing an agreeable BIP <i>(The guardian filed a complaint request.)</i>	The parent chose not to participate in mediation.
Parent & Special Education Director	4/23/2026	1. Issue related to discipline/placement, IEP implementation, and parent participation <i>(The parent filed a complaint request.)</i>	Mediation did not result in a signed agreement.
Parent	4/14/2026	1. IEP provision of Special Education Services	The parent informed NDDPI that the issue was resolved through a meeting with the district.
Guardian	3/25/2026	1. LRE and Behavioral Interventions <i>(The mediation request also tied to a due process request filed with NDDPI. The guardian & district agreed mediation services were no longer needed as the Due Process Resolution meeting resolved the dispute.)</i>	The parties informed NDDPI that mediation services were no longer needed.
Parent	1/8/2026	1. IEP provision of Special Education Services	Mediation meeting did not result in a signed agreement.
Parent	11/24/2025	1. Not following IEP	The district chose not to participate in mediation.
Parent	11/3/2025	1. Accommodations	The district chose not to participate in mediation.

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION REQUESTS
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COMPLAINT FILED BY	DATE FILED	ALLEGATION(S)	INVESTIGATED Y/N	VIOLATION(S) Y/N	REPORT DATE
Parent	6/15/2026	1. Whether the district conducted a sufficiently comprehensive evaluation. 2. Whether the district developed & implemented an IEP reasonably calculated to provide a FAPE. 3. Whether the district provided parent access to student's educational records. 4. Whether the parent communication plan impeded the parents' opportunity to meaningfully participate in decision-making regarding student's educational programming.	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. Yes Violation 3. No Violation 4. No Violation <i>*The complaint request was counted in the 2025-2026 Annual Report. The investigation & complaint report were completed after 6/30/26, therefore the outcome will be reported in the 2026-2027 Annual Report.</i>	8/12/2026
Parent	6/05/2026	1. Whether the school improperly restrained & secluded the student. 2. Whether the school subjected the student to a pattern of early dismissal amounting to disciplinary removals from the student's current placement, & if so, whether the school unilaterally changed the student's placement. 3. Whether the school failed to implement the IEP. 4. Whether the school failed to educate the student in the regular educational environment, to maximum extent appropriate. 5. Whether the school failed to provide an IEE at public expense. 6. Whether the school failed to provide the parent a meaningful opportunity to participate in the IEP process & thereby denied FAPE.	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. No Violation 3. No Violation 4. No Violation 5. No Violation 6. No Violation <i>*The complaint request was counted in the 2025-2026 Annual Report. The investigation & complaint report were completed after 6/30/26, therefore the outcome will be reported in the 2026-2027 Annual Report.</i>	8/4/2026

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COMPLAINT FILED BY	DATE FILED	ALLEGATION(S)	INVESTIGATED Y/N	VIOLATION(S) Y/N	REPORT DATE
Parent	5/15/2026	NDDPI determined the parent's complaint request was insufficient & suggested resubmission to address the items identified that did not meet the standard for filing a complaint.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parents	5/8/2026	1. Whether the school failed to ensure that the IEP team review & revise the students' IEP & behavioral intervention plan in response to the student's behavior changes. 2. Whether the school failed to conduct a proper manifestation determination review (MDR) by failing to adhere to procedural requirements.	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. No Violation	7/7/2026
Parent	5/11/2026	1. Whether the District met its affirmative Child Find obligation.	Yes Investigated	1. Procedural Violation	7/9/2026
Parents	5/01/2026	NDDPI determined the parent's complaint request was insufficient & suggested resubmission to address the items identified that did not meet the standard for filing a complaint.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parent	4/29/2026	1. Whether the District properly implemented the students' IEP, if not, whether the student was denied FAPE. 2. Whether student's IEP was reasonably calculated to enable the student to make appropriate progress in light of student's circumstances. 3. Whether the District revised student's IEP(s) after reviewing it & determining revisions were necessary. 4. Whether the District provided PWNs within a reasonable time before the district proposed or refused actions regarding the student's identification, evaluation, placement, or provision of FAPE. 5. Whether the district provided proper notice of IEP meetings to the parent. 6. Whether IEP meetings included IEP teams that were properly constituted with all required members. 7. Whether the District provided the parent with a copy of the procedural Safeguards notice.	Yes Investigated	1. Procedural Violation 2. Procedural Violation 3. Yes Violation 4. Yes Violation 5. Procedural Violation 6. No Violation 7. Procedural Violation	6/24/2026

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COMPLAINT FILED BY	DATE FILED	ALLEGATION(S)	INVESTIGATED Y/N	VIOLATION(S) Y/N	REPORT DATE
Parent	4/13/2026	1. Whether the school failed to implement the student's IEP & behavioral intervention. 2. Whether removals from the student's education program denied the student a FAPE. 3. Whether the school, after determining the student's conduct was a manifestation of the child's disability, failed to review the student's BIP, & modify it, as necessary. <i>(The parties jointly signed the mediation request.)</i>	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. No Violation 3. No Violation	6/12/2026
Guardian	4/6/2026	1. Whether the district afforded the parent the opportunity to participate in decision-making regarding changes to the student's BIP & followed IEP amendment procedures. 2. Whether the district provided PWN before implementing changes to the Student's BIP.	Yes Investigated	1. Yes Violation 2. Procedural Violation	5/29/2026
Parent	4/1/2026	NDDPI determined the parent's complaint request was insufficient & suggested resubmission to address the items identified that did not meet the standard for filing a complaint.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parent	3/19/2026	1. Whether the student's IEP was reasonably calculated to enable student to make appropriate progress in light of student's circumstances. 2. Whether district appropriately responded to bullying concerns. Whether IEP team considered if revisions to the IEP were needed to ensure the student continued to receive a FAPE. 3. Whether district provided parent an opportunity to inspect & review education records. <i>(The parent withdrew the complaint request.)</i>	NA	N/A	N/A

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COMPLAINT FILED BY	DATE FILED	ALLEGATION(S)	INVESTIGATED Y/N	VIOLATION(S) Y/N	REPORT DATE
Parent	3/18/2026	1. Whether the school failed to identify & evaluate the student as a student with a disability in need of special education & related services. 2. Whether the school failed to address bullying of a student with a disability.	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. No Violation	5/18/2026
Parent	3/13/2026	1. Whether the school failed to address bullying of a student with a disability. 2. Whether the school failed to conduct a proper MDR by failing to adhere to procedural requirements.	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. Yes Violation	5/12/2026
Parent	3/6/2026	NDDPI determined the complaint request did not meet the IDEA requirements for filing a complaint. Parent offered the opportunity to resubmit.	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parent & Adult Student	1/16/2026	NDDPI determined the complaint request did not meet the IDEA requirements for filing a complaint. The parent/adult student were offered the opportunity to resubmit. <i>(The parent/adult student filed a Request for Facilitated IEP.)</i> <i>(The parent/adult student had filed a mediation request but decided they were not interested in moving forward with mediation.)</i>	N/A	N/A	N/A
Parent	12/12/2025	1. Whether the district disclosed personally identifiable information about the student, and if so, whether the district first obtained parental consent to do so. 2. Whether the district unilaterally changed student's educational programming and/or placement outside IEP team process. 3. Whether IEP meeting included an IEP team that was properly constituted with all required members. 4. Whether the district provided student access to extracurricular activities.	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. No Violation 3. No Violation 4. No Violation	1/30/2026

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COMPLAINT FILED BY	DATE FILED	ALLEGATION(S)	INVESTIGATED Y/N	VIOLATION(S) Y/N	REPORT DATE
Parent	12/1/2025	1. Transportation <i>(The parent withdrew the complaint request.)</i>	NA	NA	NA
Parent	11/24/2025	1. Whether the school failed to educate the student in the LRE. 2. Whether the school failed to conduct IEP team meetings with the required IEP team members. 3. Whether the school failed to implement the student's IEP. 4. Whether the school unilaterally reduced the student's speech language minutes.	Yes Investigated	1. Yes Violation 2. No Violation 3. Yes Violation 4. No Violation	1/23/2026
Parent	11/7/2025	1. Whether the district properly implemented the student's IEP.	Yes Investigated	1. Procedural Violation	12/31/2025
Parent	11/12/2025	1. Whether the school failed to identify & evaluate the student as a student with a disability in need of special education & related services. 2. Whether the school failed to provide PWN of the school's decision not to evaluate. 3. Whether the school failed to conduct a proper MDR.	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. Procedural Violation 3. No Violation	1/12/2026
Parent	10/30/2025	The parent contacted NDDPI to say a resolution was reached with the district.	NA	NA	NA
Parent	9/22/2025	1. Whether the school failed to provide vision services & accommodations in accordance with the IEP. 2. Whether the school failed to inform the parent in the IEP Notice of Meeting that the choir teacher would be attending the IEP team.	Yes Investigated	1. No Violation 2. No Violation	11/21/2025

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Parent	9/16/2025	NDDPI determined the complaint request did not meet the IDEA requirements for filing a complaint. Parent offered the opportunity to resubmit.	NA	NA	NA
Parent	8/18/2025	Parent submitted a State Systemic Complaint. NDDPI notified the parent that the Systemic Complaint did not meet the requirements for filing a systemic complaint.	NA	NA	NA
Parent	5/27/2025	1. Whether the district properly implemented the students' IEP and/or BIP.	Yes, Investigated	1. Yes Violation <i>**The complaint request was counted in the 2024-2025 Annual Report. The investigation and complaint report were completed after 6/2025. The outcome is being reported in the 2025-2026 Annual Report.</i>	8/1/2025

**DUE PROCESS REQUESTS
JULY 1, 2025 – JUNE 30, 2026**

COMPLAINT FILED BY	DATE FILED	ALLEGATION(S)	RESOLUTION OUTCOME (DATE)	HEARING Y/N (DATE)	OUTCOME (REPORT DATE)
Guardian	3/23/2026 (Expedited)	Manifestation Determination review & placement	The parties executed a Stipulation for Dismissal. The Resolution Agreement resolved the disputed issues and the ALJ issued an Order of Dismissal with Prejudice. <i>(On 4/8/2026, NDDPI was informed that both the district & parent no longer needed mediation services.)</i>	NA	NA
Legal Counsel/ Parents	2/24/2026 (Expedited)	Manifestation Determination review & placement	The parties executed a Stipulation for Dismissal. The Resolution Agreement resolved the disputed issues and the ALJ issued an Order of Dismissal with Prejudice.	NA	NA
Legal Counsel/ Parents	2/13/2026	Did the district fail to provide accommodation outlined in the IEP?	The parties executed a Stipulation for Dismissal. The Resolution Agreement resolved the disputed issues and the ALJ issued an Order of Dismissal with Prejudice.	NA	NA