

2025-26 Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing Dispositions

This document contains a copy of the decision or order that disposed of each Louisiana special education due process hearings filed on or between July 1, 2025, and June 30, 2026. Each case filed during the relevant timeframe is included in the informational table below. If a matter has been decided, the order or decision disposing of the matter will appear below. This document is updated at least monthly on the last business day of the month.

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LDOE Case Number	Public Agency	Disposition	Date of Disposition
56-H-01	St. Charles Parish Schools	Withdrawn	August 11, 2025
56-H-02	NOLA Public Schools	Pending	--
56-H-03	Lincoln Parish Schools	Dismissed	October 6, 2025
56-H-04	Rapides Parish Schools	Withdrawn	October 6, 2025
56-H-05-E	New Harmony Schools	Dismissed	September 25, 2025
56-H-06	Lafourche Parish Schools	Withdrawn	November 17, 2025
56-H-07	Monroe City Schools	Withdrawn	October 18, 2025
56-H-08	Bossier Parish Schools	Withdrawn	November 21, 2025
56-H-09	East Baton Rouge Parish Schools	Withdrawn	October 20, 2025
56-H-10	Calcasieu Parish Schools	Withdrawn	October 20, 2025
56-H-11	Caddo Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-12-E	New Harmony Schools	Dismissed	November 10, 2025
56-H-13	Lincoln Parish Schools	Dismissed	February 19, 2026
56-H-14	Lincoln Parish Schools	Dismissed	February 20, 2026
56-H-15	Lincoln Parish Schools	Dismissed	November 3, 2025
56-H-16	Lincoln Parish Schools	Dismissed	March 20, 2026
56-H-17	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 5, 2026
56-H-18	Caddo Parish Schools	Dismissed	December 10, 2025
56-H-19	Jefferson Parish Schools	Withdrawn	December 10, 2025
56-H-20	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Withdrawn	December 22, 2025
56-H-21	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-22	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	April 30, 2026
56-H-23-E	Lincoln Parish Schools	Withdrawn	December 11, 2025
56-H-24	West Carroll Parish Schools	Withdrawn	February 2, 2026
56-H-25	Jefferson Parish Schools	Dismissed	March 9, 2026
56-H-26	East Baton Rouge Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-27	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	January 16, 2026

56-H-28-E	St. Tammany Parish Schools	Compliance	February 20, 2026
56-H-29	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-30	Acadia Parish Schools	Withdrawn	January 27, 2026
56-H-31-E	Ascension Parish Schools	Compliance	February 25, 2026
56-H-32-E	Rapides Parish Schools	Withdrawn	February 18, 2026
56-H-33	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	March 24, 2026
56-H-34	East Baton Rouge Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-35	Livingston Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-36	Rapides Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-37	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	March 20, 2026
56-H-38	St. Tammany Parish Public Schools	Withdrawn	February 18, 2026
56-H-39	St. Mary Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-40	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	April 21, 2026
56-H-41	NOLA Public Schools	Dismissed	March 24, 2026
56-H-42	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	April 21, 2026
56-H-43	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-44	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	March 24, 2026
56-H-45	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-46	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-47	Terrebonne Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-48	Lafayette Parish Schools	Dismissed	March 20, 2026
56-H-49	Helix Community School District	Dismissed	June 1, 2026
56-H-50	West Baton Rouge Schools	Dismissed	March 9, 2026
56-H-51	Thrive Academy	Dismissed	June 22, 2026
56-H-52-E	Ascension Parish Schools	Dismissed	April 8, 2026
56-H-53-E	Jefferson Parish Schools	Dismissed	April 9, 2026
56-H-54	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	April 23, 2026
56-H-55-E	St. Bernard Parish Schools	Dismissed	April 16, 2026
56-H-56	West Baton Rouge Parish	Pending	--
56-H-57	East Baton Rouge Parish Schools	Dismissed	March 27, 2026
56-H-58	Jefferson Parish Schools	Withdrawn	April 10, 2026
56-H-59	Caddo Parish Schools	Dismissed	April 8, 2026
56-H-60	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	April 22, 2026
56-H-61	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	April 21, 2026
56-H-62	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	April 22, 2026
56-H-63	St. John the Baptist Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-64	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-65	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-66	St. John the Baptist Parish Schools	Dismissed	April 30, 2026
56-H-67	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-68	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	April 23, 2026
56-H-69	Caddo Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-70	St. Tammany Schools	Dismissed	May 15, 2026

56-H-71	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-72	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-73	Bricolage Academy	Withdrawn	May 7, 2026
56-H-74	Bossier Parish Schools	Dismissed	May 20, 2026
56-H-75	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-76	Jefferson Parish Schools	Dismissed	May 15, 2026
56-H-77	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-78	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-79	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-80	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	May 29, 2026
56-H-81	West Baton Rouge Parish Schools	Dismissed	May 21, 2026
56-H-82	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-83	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-84	Calcasieu Parish Schools	Dismissed	May 19, 2026
56-H-85-E	Jefferson Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-86	Rapides Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-87	NOLA Public Schools	Pending	--
56-H-88	St. Tammany Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-89	Lafayette Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-90	Central Community School System	Withdrawn	June 1, 2026
56-H-91-E	St. Tammany Parish Schools	Pending	--
56-H-92	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-93	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-94	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-95	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-96	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-97	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-98	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-99	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-100	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-101	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-102	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-103	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Dismissed	June 26, 2026
56-H-104	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-105	St. John the Baptist	Pending	--
56-H-106	East Baton Rouge Parish	Pending	--
56-H-107	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-108	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-109	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-110	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-111	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-112	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-113	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--

56-H-114	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-115	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-116	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-117	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--
56-H-118	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans	Pending	--

Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-01



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13811-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-92**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent writes:

Despite filing multiple due process complaints regarding distinct violations (failure to finalize IEP since October 31, 2025; inappropriate evaluation procedures; utilization of unlicensed special education personnel), the Administrative Law Judge assigned to these matters has improperly dismissed or refused to adjudicate these complaints. Specifically, the ALJ initially dismissed complaints as "duplicative" despite the fact that each complaint addressed distinct substantive violations of the IDEA occurring at different times and involving different rights. When challenged on the lack of legal basis for "duplicative" dismissals under the IDEA, the ALJ subsequently claimed the matters were res judicata despite the absence of any prior hearing on the merits or final decision. Currently, the ALJ has failed to rule on or schedule hearing dates for subsequently filed complaints, effectively denying Parents access to the due process hearing mandated by 20 U.S.C. §1415(f).

Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an

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administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706 Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by findings and decisions made by an administrative law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's due process hearing complaint only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's due process complaint must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on June 26, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, June 26, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

² See also 34 Code of Federal Regulations § 300.516 (2025).

³ Since the adjudication is terminated, it is unnecessary to address the motions filed by Parent and School District.

Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2026-13811-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on June 26, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-15501-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF CHILD

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-01**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

Parent, on behalf of Child,¹ filed a due process hearing request alleging School District denied Child a free appropriate education. On August 7, 2025, Parent, on behalf of Child, filed a Motion to Withdraw Hearing Request as it relates to the due process complaint.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent, on behalf of Child's, Motion to Withdraw Hearing Request is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the above matter entitled *School District in the matter of Parent on Behalf of Child* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on August 11, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, August 11, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Tameka Johnson-Moore
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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LEGEND

Parent



Child



School Board

St. Charles Parish Public Schools

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-02



Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-03



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2025-16824-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

* AGENCY ID. 56-H-03

**ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S
PEREMPTORY EXCEPTION OF NO CAUSE OF ACTION**

On September 19, 2025, School District, through its counsel, Carlar M. Alexander, filed a *Peremptory Exception of No Cause of Action (Exception)* seeking to dismiss Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint. For the reasons explained below, School District's *Exception* is **GRANTED**.

Administrative Law Judge Leighann N. Guilbeau conducted the hearing on School District's *Exception* by telephone on October 1, 2025. Parent appeared for the hearing as a self-represented litigant. Carlar M. Alexander appeared as counsel for School District.

On August 25, 2025, Parent filed a due process complaint with the Louisiana Department of Education on behalf of Minor. In the complaint, Parent wrote:

[Minor] was attending [REDACTED] on in district transfer. We had an IEP meeting scheduled on 8-22-25. It was cancelled. [Minor] received a referral for language on 8-20-25. [School District] called on 8-21-25 [and] told me to send [Minor] back to CHS. [Minor] has nothing but issues there. One reason we asked to transfer. [Minor] wanted to attend [REDACTED] for sports and new beginning. I would [sic] him to remain at [REDACTED] under the stay put until this is resolved.

In its *Exception*, School District argued Parent does not have a cause of action for a due process hearing under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) because the due process complaint does not address any matters relating to the identification, evaluation, or

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educational placement of Minor or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to Minor. School District argued the “stay put” provision of IDEA is not applicable because the due process complaint does not allege a genuine dispute regarding the child’s educational placement under IDEA. School District contended Minor’s transfer to the new school was approved only to allow Minor to participate in football and was not related to any special education services. School District alleged Minor’s prior school is capable of implementing Individualized Education Program (IEP) and providing FAPE in the least restrictive environment. School District asserted that the meeting mentioned in Parent’s due process complaint was a parent conference, not an IEP team meeting, as School District had not proposed any changes to Minor’s IEP, placement, or special education services. School District also argued it no longer has responsibility for providing services or placing Minor because Parent withdrew Minor from School District on August 21, 2025, to begin homeschooling Minor.

Parent argued that Minor has health issues which prevent from playing football. Parent stated was under the impression Minor could still attend the new school because other students do so and it is a bigger school with more opportunities. Parent stated Minor wanted to attend the new school for reasons other than football and that Minor had not been given an opportunity to participate in other extracurricular activities, including other sports, at the new school because of the limited time Minor had been allowed to attend. Parent stated felt Minor was not given an opportunity to fully participate at the new school. Parent reported no meeting had been conducted before School District called and advised that Minor had to return to the previous school. Parent advised Minor has an IEP. Parent stated did not know whether transfer request had anything to do with the IEP. Parent confirmed Minor is homeschooled and no longer enrolled in School District. Parent advised withdrew Minor

from School District the day ■ learned Minor would have to attend the prior school. Parent stated the prior school was administering some provisions of Minor's IEP, but Parent was not happy with how those services were being administered. Parent stated Minor was having issues at the prior school and that is another reason why Parent wanted Minor to attend a different school.

School District's *Exception* is granted. An administrative law judge's jurisdiction is limited to issues related to the identification, evaluation, placement, of a child and the provision of FAPE.² Parent's request that Minor remain at a school based upon an in-district transfer request related to Minor's desire to participate in extracurricular activities and have a "new beginning" is outside the scope of IDEA. The due process complaint did not state any issues related to the identification, evaluation, or placement of Minor as it relates to ■ disability. Parent did not allege that School District denied Minor FAPE. Parent's due process complaint did not allege that Minor's transfer was related to Minor's IEP or special education services. Parent's due process complaint specifically stated that Minor wanted to attend the new school for "sports and [a] new beginning." These issues do not fall under IDEA. Accordingly, Parent's request for a due process hearing is dismissed because the due process complaint does not state a cause of action under IDEA.³

During the hearing on School District's *Exception*, the parties agreed to schedule the due process hearing for October 17, 2025. The due process hearing scheduled for October 17, 2025, is canceled because Parent's request for a due process hearing has been dismissed.

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² 34 C.F.R. § 300.507 (2025).

³ 34 C.F.R. § 300.507 (2025); Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:XLIII.507.A ; LAC 28:XLIII.511. *See also* LAC 28:XLIII.504.A.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Peremptory Exception of No Cause of Action* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the due process hearing scheduled for October 17, 2025, is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on October 6, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

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I certify that on Monday, October 06, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

Legend

Parent: [REDACTED]

Minor: [REDACTED]

School District: Lincoln Parish Schools

School District Representative: Phaedra Blake

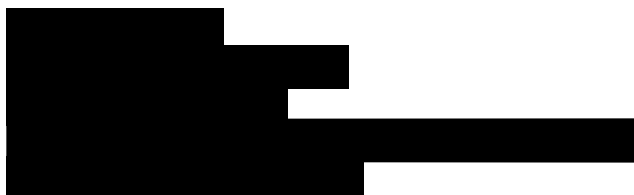
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I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Peremptory Exception of No Cause of Action** in **Docket No. 2025-16824-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on October 6, 2025.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-04



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2025-17056-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

* AGENCY ID. 56-H-04

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On September 11, 2025, Parent participated in a mediation with School District. As part of that mediation, Parent signed a binding mediation settlement agreement to withdraw [REDACTED] request for a due process hearing.² Parent confirmed in a conference with the undersigned administrative law judge conducted on October 6, 2025, that [REDACTED] did not rescind the settlement agreement within three days of signing it. The request to dismiss the instant due process hearing based upon the mediation settlement agreement is granted.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *School District in the Matter of Parent on Behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2025-17056-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

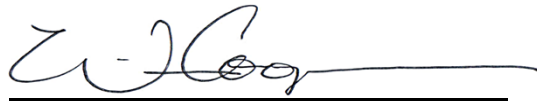
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Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



William H. Cooper
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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² See Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 28, Part XLIII, Bulletin 1706, § 510.D. Parent has not voided the mediation settlement agreement within three days of its signing.

³ Parent may seek counsel to advise [REDACTED] on future actions in enforcing the mediation settlement agreement or filing a new due process hearing request.

Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Jeff Powell

School District Representative

Michael Yoist, Special Education Director

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-05-E



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-18215-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-05-E

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

Parent on behalf of Minor filed an expedited due process hearing request on September 17, 2025, claiming that Minor was suspended from School District without a prior meeting with Parent, that Minor was prohibited by School District from returning to school, and that Parent was not provided a copy of Minor's school records related to [REDACTED] suspension. A telephone prehearing conference was conducted on September 24, 2025, at 1:00 PM. During the telephone conference, Parent confirmed Minor's date of birth. At the time Parent filed the expedited due process hearing request, Minor was 18 years old.

When a student with a disability reaches 18 years old, all rights accorded to parents under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) transfer to the student, except for a student with a disability who has been determined to be incompetent under state law.² The administrative record does not reflect that Minor has been determined to be incompetent under Louisiana law. Absent a showing that Minor has been deemed incompetent and that Parent retained parental rights under IDEA, Parent does not have standing to initiate a due process hearing request on behalf of Minor in the above-entitled matter. Therefore, Parent's request for an expedited due process hearing is dismissed.

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² See Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.520. See also 20 United States Code Annotated § 1415(m) and *Neville v. Dennis*, No. 07-2202-CM-DJW, 2007 WL 2875376, at *2 (D. Kansas October 3, 2007).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter bearing docket number 2025-18215-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone conference scheduled for October 7, 2025, at 1:00 PM and the due process hearing scheduled for October 16, 2025, at 9:00 AM are **CANCELLED**.

Rendered and signed on September 25, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Thursday, September 25, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Lynette Roberson
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

New Harmony High School

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2025-18215-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on September 25, 2025.

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56-H-06



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-18504-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENTS ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-06**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On November 13, 2025, Parents on behalf of Minor submitted a withdrawal of their due process hearing request and waiving their right to a hearing. The telephone status conference scheduled for November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., is canceled.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the adjudication entitled *School District in the matter of Parents on Behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2025-18504-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone status conference scheduled for November 20, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on November 17, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, November 17, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parents	
Minor	
School District	Lafourche Parish School District
School District Representatives	Andrea Delcambre, Sp. Ed. Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-07



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-18907-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

**GRANDPARENT ON BEHALF OF
MINOR**

AGENCY ID. 56-H-07

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On October 8, 2025, Grandparent on behalf of Minor withdrew their request for a due process hearing.

On October 8, 2025, the Division of Administrative Law received from the Director of Student Support Services for School District the signed Resolution Meeting Verification Form, documenting that the parties held a resolution meeting on September 24, 2025, and resolved the issues forming the basis of the request for the due process hearing.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the request for due process hearing in the matter entitled Grandparent on behalf of Minor bearing docket number *2025-18907-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the prehearing telephone conference scheduled for October 15, 2025, at 10:00 AM, is **CANCELLED**.

Rendered and signed on October 8, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, October 08, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

Esther A. Redmann

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Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Grandparent



Minor



School District

Monroe City Schools

School District Representative

Sam Moore, III, Superintendent

Director of Student Support Services

Rochelle Williams

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2025-18907-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on October 8, 2025.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-08



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-19696-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF CHILD

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-08**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

Parent, on behalf of Child, filed a due process hearing request alleging School District denied Child a free appropriate public education. On November 20, 2025, Parent, on behalf of Child, withdrew her due process hearing request.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *School District in the matter of Parent on behalf of Child*, bearing docket number 2025-19696-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on November 21, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, November 21, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Tameka Johnson-Moore

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parents



Minor



School



School District

Bossier Parish Schools

School District Representative

Vicki Younger

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2025-19696-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on November 21, 2025.

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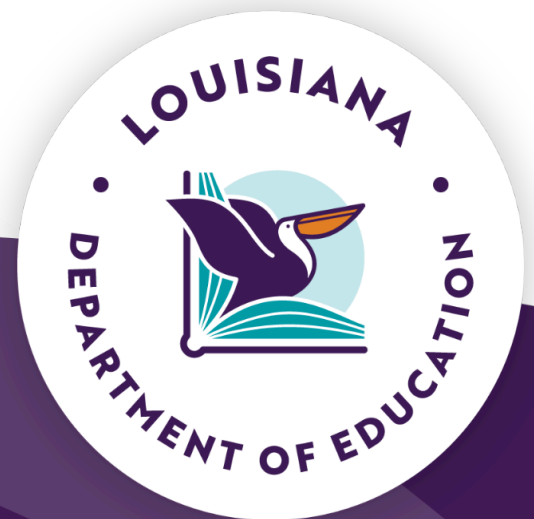
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-09



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-19725-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-09**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On October 7, 2025, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a *Request for Due Process Hearing*, which was assigned Docket Number 2025-19725-DOE-IDEA. The matter is scheduled for a telephone status conference on October 28, 2025, at 3:30 p.m. On October 20, 2025, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a notice with the tribunal indicating that Parent would like to cancel [REDACTED] due process hearing request as the parties have decided to engage in mediation to resolve this matter.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication under docket number 2025-19725-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone status conference scheduled for October 28, 2025, at 3:30 p.m., is **CANCELLED**.

Rendered and signed on October 20, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Anthony J. Russo

Anthony J. Russo
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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I certify that on Monday, October 20, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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Division of Administrative Law

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LEGEND

Parent	
Minor	
School District	East Baton Rouge Parish School System
School	
School District Representative	Dr. Janet Harris

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-10



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-20051-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-10

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On October 20, 2025, School District, through School District Representative, withdrew its request for a due process hearing. Accordingly, the telephone status conference scheduled for October 30, 2025, and the hearing by Zoom videoconference scheduled for November 7, 2025, are canceled.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone status conference scheduled for October 30, 2025, and the hearing by Zoom videoconference scheduled for November 7, 2025, are **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on October 20, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court
Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parents	
Minor	
School District	Calcasieu Parish Schools
School District Representative	Mike Hill

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2025-20051-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on October 21, 2025.

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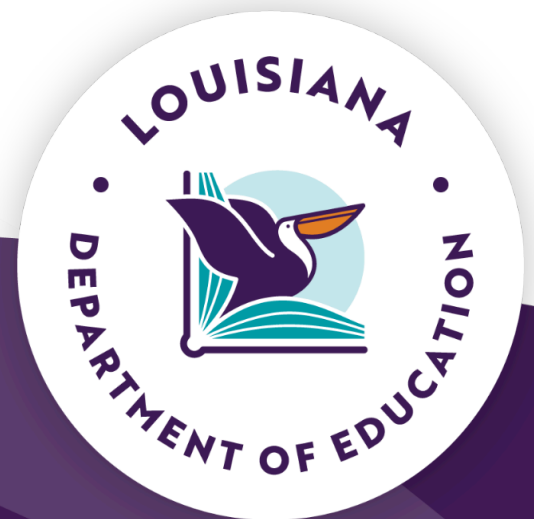
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-12-E



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-20350-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-12-E

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR

Parent on behalf of Minor requested a hearing to challenge School District's disciplinary action against Minor. The hearing was scheduled for November 7, 2025. The hearing notice dated October 29, 2025, notified Parent that a video teleconference hearing was scheduled for November 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing notice was sent by U.S. Postal Service mail to Parent's address on record, as well as emailed to Parent's email address on record.

On November 7, 2025, at 9:00 a.m., the due process hearing was commenced by Administrative Law Judge William H. Cooper. Neither Parent on behalf of Minor, nor a representative for School District, appeared for the hearing.

The administrative law judge waited an additional 10 minutes to allow Parent an opportunity to appear for the hearing. Parent on behalf of Minor failed to appear for the hearing. Parent has the burden of proof in this proceeding.² As she failed to appear for the hearing, Parent failed to prove any violation by School District. As a result, Parent's hearing request and adjudication are terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication under docket number 2025-20350-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on November 10, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, November 12, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

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William H. Cooper

Administrative Law Judge

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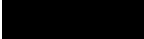
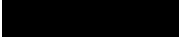
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² *Schaffer v. Weast*, 546 U.S. 49 (2005); Louisiana Administrative Code 28.XLIII (Bulletin 1706).511.J.

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

Legend

Parent	
Minor	
School	
School District	Orleans Parish School Board/NOLA Public Schools
School District Representatives	Robin Honore and Rochell Hillard

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication for Failure to Appear** in **Docket No. 2025-20350-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on November 12, 2025.

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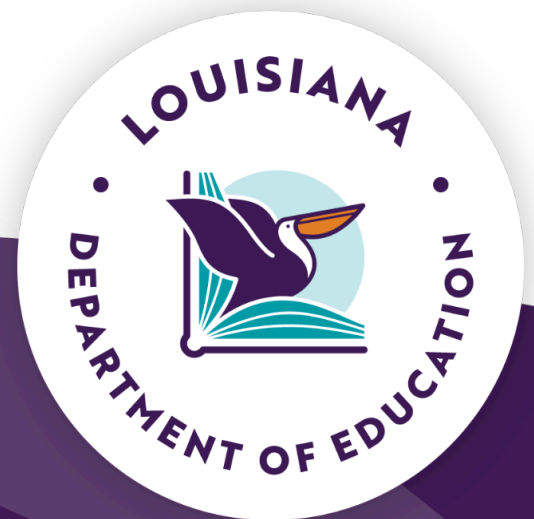
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-13



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-21158-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-13**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On October 27, 2025, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a request for a due process hearing, alleging that School District denied Minor a free appropriate public education by (1) suspending Minor from school without addressing his needs for a behavior intervention and addressing his needs for education while he was out of school and (2) failing to intervene when Minor experienced bullying from other students. On January 12, 2026, the Division of Administrative Law issued a hearing notice notifying Parent and School District that the hearing was to be conducted by Zoom videoconference on February 19, 2026, at 9:00 AM.² The notice was emailed to Parent's last known email address and mailed to Parent's last known mailing address. Parent neither made an appearance at the hearing nor requested a continuance of the February 19, 2026, hearing.

Louisiana Department of Education Bulletin 1706, Section 511.J, provides that the burden of proof at a due process hearing is on the party seeking relief. In the above-captioned matter, Parent had the burden of proof at the February 19, 2026, due process hearing. Because

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² The parties agreed to a due process hearing initially scheduled for December 18, 2025, at 9:00 AM by Zoom videoconference, to accommodate Parent's limitations in attending an in-person hearing. On December 16, 2025, Parent filed a request for a continuance of the December 18, 2025, hearing and provided good cause. The request was granted, and a telephone conference was conducted on January 6, 2026, at 3:00 PM to discuss the parties' availability for a continued hearing. Parent did not make an appearance at the January 6, 2026, conference, did not request a continuance of the conference, and did not submit her availability to participate in a continued hearing to the Division of Administrative Law.

Parent failed to appear, she failed to carry her burden of proving her allegations against School District. Parent's request for a due process hearing in the above-captioned matter is dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing on behalf of Minor is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned matter is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on February 19, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, February 20, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Lynette Roberson

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Lincoln Parish Schools

School District Representatives

Ricky Durrett and Phaedra Blake

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2025-21158-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on February 20, 2026.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-14



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-21159-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-14**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On October 27, 2025, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a request for a due process hearing, alleging that School District delayed evaluating Minor for a disability and delayed providing her special education services for a suspected disability, denying Minor a free appropriate public education. On January 8, 2026, the Division of Administrative Law issued a hearing notice notifying Parent and School District that the hearing was to be conducted by Zoom videoconference on February 20, 2026, at 9:00 AM.² The notice was emailed to Parent's last known email address and mailed to Parent's last known mailing address. Parent neither made an appearance at the hearing nor requested a continuance of the February 20, 2026, hearing.

Louisiana Department of Education Bulletin 1706, Section 511.J, provides that the burden of proof at a due process hearing is on the party seeking relief. In the above-captioned matter, Parent had the burden of proof at the February 20, 2026, due process hearing. Because Parent failed to appear, she failed to carry her burden of proving her allegations against School

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² The parties agreed to a due process hearing initially scheduled for January 8, 2026, at 9:00 AM by Zoom videoconference, to accommodate Parent's limitations in attending an in-person hearing. On December 16, 2025, Parent filed a request for a continuance of the January 8, 2026, hearing. The Tribunal issued an order deferring ruling on the request for a continuance and setting a telephone conference for January 6, 2026, at 3:30 PM to discuss Parent's request and the parties' availability for a continued hearing. Parent did not make an appearance at the January 6, 2026, conference, did not request a continuance of the conference, and did not submit her availability to participate in a continued hearing to the Division of Administrative Law. The Tribunal continued the January 8, 2026, hearing to February 20, 2026.

District. Therefore, Parent's request for a due process hearing in the above-captioned matter is dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing on behalf of Minor is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned matter is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on February 20, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, February 20, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Lynette Roberson
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Lincoln Parish Schools

School District Representatives

Ricky Durrett and Phaedra Blake

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2025-21159-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on February 20, 2026.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-15



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-21160-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-15**

**ORDER DISMISSING DUE PROCESS HEARING REQUEST
WITHOUT PREJUDICE**

On October 27, 2025, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On October 29, 2025, LDOE forwarded Parent’s request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Parent’s due process complaint includes a “Request for Special Education Due Process Hearing” form provided by LDOE. The first page of the due process hearing request form includes Minor’s name, address, and school. The first page of due process hearing request form also includes information about the alleged violation. Parent submitted additional pages with the due process hearing request form, detailing the nature of the problem and a proposed solution.

Parent’s additional pages include allegations of failure to provide a free appropriate public education to all four of [REDACTED] children. Parent provided the following proposed solution: “Parent requests [School District] immediately pay for all 4 [] children to go to a private school. The full and complete expense to be bore [sic] by the [School District] for the entirety of their education without stipulations.”

The second page of the due process hearing request form required Parent to certify that [REDACTED] sent a copy of the form to School District and required Parent to sign the due process hearing request form. Both the first and second pages of the due process hearing request form state that

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Parent must sign the due process hearing request form. Parent did not sign the due process hearing request form, and ■ did not certify that ■ sent a copy of the form to School District.

Due Process Complaint Requirements

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) requires that a due process complaint contain certain minimal information: the name and address of the child; the name of the school the child is attending; a description of the nature of the child's problem; and a proposed resolution of the problem.² In addition, state rules require that due process hearing requests be signed.³ The party filing a request for a due process hearing must forward a copy of the request for a due process hearing to the other party.⁴

The IDEA contemplates only individual due process hearings.⁵ A hearing officer is within his authority to reject a due process hearing request made on behalf of more than one child.⁶

Parent's due process hearing request included Minor's name and address and the name of Minor's school. However, the information Parent provided regarding the Minor's problem and a proposed solution involved allegations and a solution applicable to all of Parent's children. In addition, Parent did not sign the due process hearing request form, and ■ did not certify that ■ forwarded a copy of the request to School District, as required by state rules. For these reasons, Parent's due process complaint does not meet federal and state requirements. Parent's due process complaint is dismissed without prejudice.

² 20 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 1415(b)(7)(A)(ii); 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 300.508(b) (2024); Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:XLIII.508.B.

³ LAC 28:XLIII.152.A.

⁴ LAC 28:XLIII.508.A.1.

⁵ *Z.F. ex rel. M.A.F. v. Ripon Unified Sch. Dist.*, 365 F. App'x 77, 79 (9th Cir. 2010).

⁶ *Id.* (citing 20 U.S.C. § 1415(b)(6)(A) (mandating an opportunity to present a complaint as to "the child") and 20 U.S.C. 1415(f)(1)(B)(i)(IV) (discussing resolution involving "the parents of the child")).

Parent may refile ■ due process hearing request with LDOE and include only Minor's problem and a proposed solution applicable only to Minor.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's due process hearing request is insufficient and is **dismissed, without prejudice.**

Rendered and signed on November 3, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, November 03, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Lynette Roberson

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Parent



Minor



School District

Lincoln Parish Schools

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Ricky Durrett and Phaedra Blake

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Dismissing Due Process Hearing Request without Prejudice in Docket No. 2025-21160-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on November 3, 2025.

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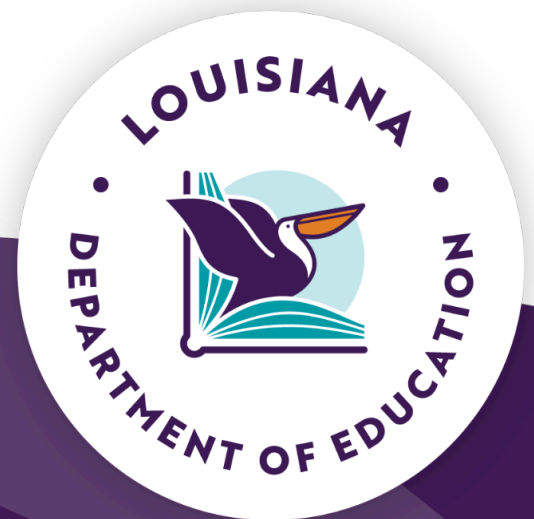
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-16



Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-17



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-17**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On November 10, 2025, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), which was forwarded to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL) on November 12, 2025. Parent's due process hearing request alleges the following violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by School District: (1) School District denied Minor a free appropriate public education (FAPE) when it failed to develop an Individualized Education Program (IEP) reasonably calculated to enable educational progress for Minor, specifically the IEP dated October 31, 2025; (2) failure to implement the IEP; (3) failure to provide Prior Written Notice of changes to the IEP; (4) a denial of meaningful parent participation in the IEP process; and (5) misrepresentation of parental concerns during the IEP process. On November 20, 2025, Parent filed an amended due process hearing request adding allegations of discrimination and retaliation by School District against Parent and Minor.²

a. Prehearing Motions

On December 1, 2025, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss and Incorporated Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss Non-IDEA Claims for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction (Motion to Dismiss) and to Strike Improper Requests for Relief (Motion to Strike)*.

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² Parent's amended due process hearing request was accepted by the tribunal on November 24, 2025. See *Conference Report and Order* issued December 5, 2025.

Following a review of School District's *Motion to Dismiss*, reply memorandum, and Parent's oppositions, it was ordered that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* was granted in part and denied in part.

The tribunal denied School District's *Motion to Dismiss* as it related to the sections of Parent's due process complaint titled "Factual and Grammatical Errors" (p. 3); "Contradictory and Inconsistent Data" (pp. 3-4); and "Summary of Major Errors" (p. 6).

The tribunal granted School District's *Motion to Dismiss* relating to Parent's allegations under the section titled "Specific Violations of IDEA and Louisiana Law" (pp. 8-9) wherein Parent alleged that School District denied Minor equal access to School District's educational program and non-academic/extracurricular activities without justification under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and that School District retaliated against Parent for prior advocacy on behalf of Minor as they were beyond the scope of IDEA and Louisiana law.

The tribunal granted School District's *Motion to Strike* Parent's requested remedies for attorney's fees and costs, for an order pursuant to Section 504, for an order pursuant to laws and regulations related to retaliation against Parent, and for an order for damages, including prospective declarations.

b. Hearing

On February 24, 2026, the DAL issued an amended hearing notice notifying Parent and School District that the hearing was to be conducted in person at the DAL office located at 1450 Poydras Street, Suite 732, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112 on March 24 through 25, 2026, at 9:00 AM.³ The notice was emailed to Parent's last known email address and mailed to Parent's last known mailing address. Parent neither made an appearance at the hearing nor requested a

³ School District filed a *Motion for Extension of Federal Decision Deadline*, which was granted, and the federal decision deadline was extended to May 22, 2026.

continuance of the hearing.⁴

LDOE Bulletin 1706 § 511.J, provides that the burden of proof at a due process hearing is on the party seeking relief. In the above-captioned matter, Parent had the burden of proof at the March 24 through 25, 2026, due process hearing. Because Parent failed to appear, he failed to carry his burden of proving his allegations against School District. Parent's request for a due process hearing and his amended due process hearing request in the above-captioned matter are dismissed, and the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's November 10, 2025, due process hearing request and November 20, 2025, amended due process hearing request against School District are **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 5, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, May 05, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court
Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

⁴ An in-person due process hearing was previously scheduled for January 20, 2026, and was continued due to a weather-related closure of state offices. The due process hearing was re-scheduled for February 18 through 19, 2026. Both Parent and School District requested to continue the hearing, and the matter was continued to March 24 through 25, 2026. Parent filed several motions opposing the March 24 through 25, 2026, hearing dates. However, Parent did not request a continuance of the hearing, did not provide good cause for why the hearing should not go forward, and did not provide his availability for potential new hearing dates. Following his failure to appear for the due process hearing on March 24 through 25, 2026, Parent filed two motions: *Motion to Strike all Unauthorized Extensions of the IDEA Decision Deadline and all Hearing Dates set outside the Federal Timeline* and *Motion to Compel Immediate Scheduling of the Due Process Hearing*. Because this *Order Terminating Adjudication* dismisses the matter in its entirety, it is not necessary to address Parent's motions filed after March 24, 2025.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

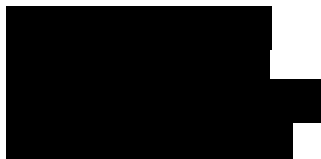
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I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 5, 2026.

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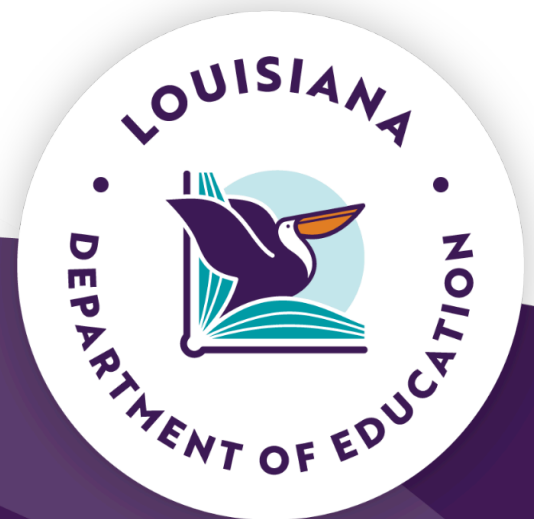
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-18



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-22682-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-18**

ORDER DISMISSING REQUEST FOR A DUE PROCESS HEARING

On November 20, 2025, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On November 24, 2025, LDE notified School District of Parent on behalf of Minor's written request for a due process hearing. On December 5, 2025, School District filed a response to the written request for a due process hearing and argued, among other things, that the written request for a due process hearing was vague, ambiguous, and failed to include factual information to support the claim that School District violated the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). School District sought dismissal of the written request for a due process hearing with prejudice and at Parent's cost.

On December 9, 2025, Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Adaora Chukudebelu conducted a prehearing conference. Participating in the conference were Parent; Zelda Tucker and Emmanuel Billy, counsel for School District; and School District Representative. After much discussion, ALJ Adaora Chukudebelu notified the parties that Parent on behalf of Minor's written request for a due process hearing was insufficient and dismissed Parent on behalf of Minor's written request for a due process hearing without prejudice and without cost to Parent.

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Request for Due Process Hearing

Parent's written request for a due process hearing did not meet the minimal pleading requirements of a request for due process hearing. The IDEA requires that a request for due process hearing contain the following:²

1. the student's name;
2. the address of the residence of the student;
3. the name of the school the student is attending;
4. in the case of a homeless student or youth, available contact information for the student, and the name of the school the student is attending;
5. a description of the nature of the problem of the student relating to the proposed or refused initiation or change, including facts relating to the problem; and
6. a proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available to the person requesting the hearing at the time.

Parent's written request for a due process hearing contains Minor's name. It does not contain Minor's address of residence, the name of the school Minor's attends, a description of the nature of the problem of Minor relating to the proposed or refused initiation or change, including facts relating to the problem; and a proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available to Parent at the time. Parent's written request for a due process hearing contains conclusory statements but no facts to support those conclusory statements. Because Parent's written request for a due process hearing fails to meet the requirements of federal and state laws, it is dismissed, without prejudice and without cost to Parent.

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² LDE Bulletin 1706 § 508.B. *See also* 20 U.S.C. § 1415(b)(7)(A)(ii) and 34 C.F.R. § 300.508(b) (2025).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's written request for a due process hearing is insufficient and is **dismissed**, without prejudice and without cost.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the matter entitled *PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR* bearing docket number *2025-22682-DOE-IDEA* and *agency ID. 56-H-18* is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the due process hearing tentatively scheduled for **January 13, 2026**, is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on December 10, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, December 10, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Adaora Chukudebelu
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Caddo Parish Schools

School District Representative

Dr. Shelia Lockett

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Dismissing Request for a Due Process Hearing** in **Docket No. 2025-22682-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on December 10, 2025.

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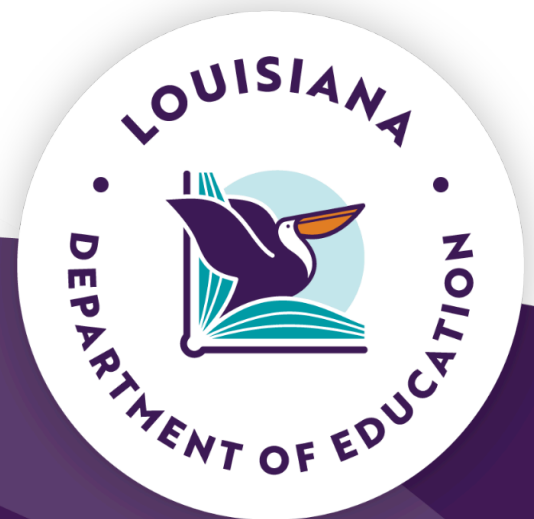
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-19



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-22676-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-19-E**

CONFERENCE REPORT AND ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

A telephone prehearing conference was held on December 10, 2025, before Administrative Law Judge Esther A. Redmann. Participating in the telephone prehearing conference were Parent and Patricia Adams, counsel for School District.

Parent requested to withdraw her request for a due process hearing, stating she was no longer challenging School District's Manifestation Determination Review. Parent stated that she filed the request for a due process hearing to appeal School District's proposed expulsion of Minor. Parent stated that she was initially confused that an expulsion meant Minor could not be educated for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year. Parent reported that she attended a disciplinary hearing on December 5, 2025, and an IEP meeting on December 10, 2025, just before this prehearing conference. Parent stated that she was satisfied with School District's decision to educate Minor at an alternative setting for a period of 45 days instead of implementing an expulsion.

On December 10, 2025, Parent filed with the Division of Administrative Law a written motion to withdraw the request for a due process hearing.

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ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled Parent on behalf of Minor bearing docket number *2025-22676-DOE-IDEA* is dismissed and **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on December 10, 2025, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, December 15, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

Esther A. Redmann

Esther A. Redmann
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

Legend

Parents



Minor



School District

Jefferson Parish Schools

School District Representative

Emily Davis, Special Education Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Conference Report and Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2025-22676-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on December 15, 2025.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-20



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2025-23259-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

* AGENCY ID. 56-H-20

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On December 22, 2025, Parent withdrew [REDACTED] request for a due process hearing.² The telephone pre-hearing conference scheduled for January 6, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., and the hearing tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., are canceled.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled Parent on behalf of Minor bearing docket number 2025-23259-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone pre-hearing conference scheduled for January 6, 2026, and the hearing tentatively scheduled for January 21, 2026, are **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on December 22, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, December 22, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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² Prior to Parent's withdrawal, both School District and Parent filed motions into the administrative record, including School District's *Motion to Dismiss*, Parent's *Motion to Dismiss*, and Parent's *Motion for Default Judgment*. Because Parent has withdrawn [REDACTED] due process hearing request, it is not necessary to address each of the outstanding motions filed by the parties.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

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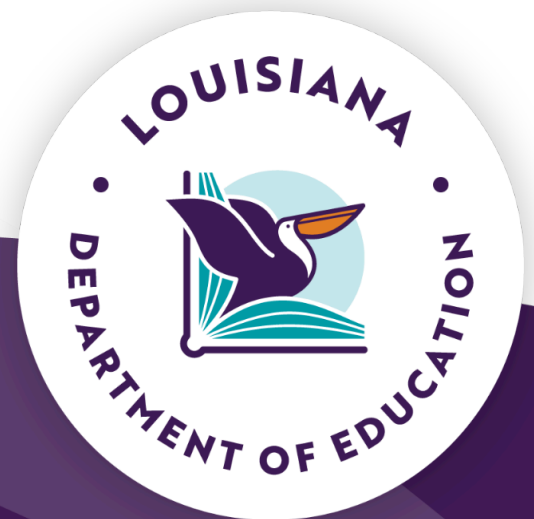
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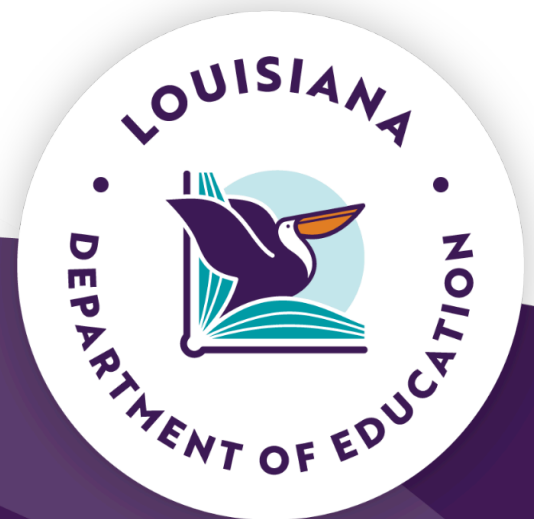
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-22



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-22**

DECISION AND ORDER

Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request alleging that School District denied Minor free appropriate public education (FAPE) in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC). Parent's due process hearing request consisted of the following claims: (1) School District's failure to timely initiate a gifted screening of Minor; (2) School District's failure to timely complete a gifted evaluation of Minor; (3) School District's denial of FAPE and Child Find obligations to Minor; and (4) Parent's dispute of School District's gifted eligibility determination and a request for an Independent Education Evaluation (IEE). Parent failed to prove that School District denied Minor FAPE by failing to timely initiate a screening or evaluation of Minor for gifted services; that it violated its Child Find obligations to Minor; or that Parent is entitled to an IEE. Accordingly, Parent's requested remedies are **DENIED**.

APPEARANCES

A hearing was conducted February 3, 2026, in New Orleans before Administrative Law Judge Stephanie E. Robin. Present at the hearing on behalf of Minor was Parent, a self-represented litigant. Present on behalf of School District was School District's legal counsel, Ashley Jackson.

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The following witnesses testified at the hearing: Parent; School District Principal; School District Psychologist; and School District Provisional Psychologist.

JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY

This adjudication is conducted in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA),² Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S.) 17:1941 *et seq.*; Louisiana Bulletin 1508, Pupil Appraisal Handbook, Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:CI; Louisiana Bulletin 1706, Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act, LAC 28:XLIII;³ Louisiana Bulletin 1530, IEP⁴ Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities, LAC 28:XCVII; and the Division of Administrative Law's enabling legislation, La. R.S. 49:991 *et seq.*

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On December 3, 2025, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request against School District which consisted of the following claims:

1. School District's failure to timely initiate a gifted screening of Minor;
2. School District's failure to timely complete a gifted evaluation of Minor;
3. School District's denial of FAPE and Child Find obligations to Minor; and
4. Parent's dispute of School District's eligibility determination and Request for an IEE.⁵

Parent's due process hearing request shows that he seeks the following remedies, including a finding that School District violated the IDEA and LAC and denied Minor FAPE in failing to timely initiate a screening and complete an evaluation of Minor for gifted services, compensatory education, and an IEE.

² 20 United States Code § 1400 *et seq.*; 34 Code of Federal Regulations § 300 *et seq.* (2025).

³ LAC 28:XLIII.1511.

⁴ IEP stands for "Individualized Education Program."

⁵ Hearing Transcript, pp. 32-33.

A. Prehearing Motions

Prior to the due process hearing, both School District, through its counsel, and Parent filed prehearing motions.⁶ During a telephone prehearing conference on January 30, 2026, the tribunal informed Parent and School District's counsel that it intended to address each motion on the record before commencement of the due process hearing.

I. School District's Motions

a. Partial Motion to Dismiss and, in the alternative, Motion to Strike IDEA-based Theories and Remedies and Motion to Dismiss IEE Request as Premature

On January 23, 2026, School District filed a *Partial Motion to Dismiss and, in the alternative, Motion to Strike IDEA-based Theories and Remedies and Motion to Dismiss IEE Request as Premature* on the grounds that Parent's request regarding the gifted screening for Minor is specific to Louisiana law and not governed by the IDEA. School District also argued that Parent's request for an IEE is premature because an evaluation of Minor has not been performed by School District.

On January 23, 2026, Parent filed an *Opposition to Respondent's Partial Motion to Dismiss, Motion to Strike, and Motion to Dismiss IEE Request*. Both Parent and counsel for School District were given the opportunity to argue in support of their positions. Following oral arguments, the tribunal deferred ruling on School District's motions and stated that the final *Decision and Order* will address School District's motions. A ruling on School District's motions is addressed below.

⁶ School District's motions are as follows: (1) *School District's Partial Motion to Dismiss and, in the alternative, Motion to Strike IDEA-based Theories and Remedies and Motion to Dismiss IEE Request as Premature*, and (2) *Motion to Exclude Petitioner's Witness List*. Parent's motions are as follows: (1) *Motion in Limine to Exclude Respondent's Exhibits SD-001 and SD-002*; (2) *Motion to Compel Witness Attendance and to Exclude Hearsay Evidence*; and (3) *Motion for Sanctions*.

b. Motion to Exclude Petitioner's Witness List

On January 29, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Exclude Petitioner's Witness List* on the grounds that Parent's witness list was deficient. On January 29, 2026, Parent filed an *Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Exclude Witness List* and a *Combined Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Exclude Witness List and Motion for Sanctions*. Both Parent and School District were given an opportunity to argue their positions on the motion. Prior to start of the due process hearing, the tribunal denied School District's *Motion to Exclude Petitioner's Witness List* as premature as Parent had not called any witnesses to testify at that time. The tribunal noted that School District could make contemporaneous objections to any witness that may be called to testify by Parent during the due process hearing.⁷

II. Parent's Motions

a. Motion in Limine to Exclude Respondent Exhibits SD-001 and SD-002

On January 27, 2026, Parent filed a *Motion in Limine to Exclude Respondent Exhibits SD-001 and SD-002* arguing that the proposed exhibits were not specific to Minor and are not relevant to the identification, evaluation, placement, or free appropriate public education of Minor. School District did not file an opposition to Parent's motion. The tribunal denied Parent's *Motion in Limine to Exclude Respondent Exhibits SD-001 and SD-002* as premature as School District was not offering the proposed exhibit at the time of the motion. The tribunal noted that Parent could make contemporaneous objections to any exhibit offered by School District during the due process hearing.⁸

b. Motion to Compel Witness Attendance and to Exclude Hearsay Evidence

On January 30, 2026, Parent filed a *Motion to Compel Witness Attendance and to*

⁷ Hearing Transcript, pp. 15-21.

⁸ Hearing Transcript, pp. 29-30.

Exclude Hearsay Evidence on the grounds that Parent has a right to confront and cross-examine witnesses. School District did not file an opposition to Parent's motion. The tribunal denied Parent's *Motion to Compel Witness Attendance and to Exclude Hearsay Evidence* and noted that Parent did not subpoena any witnesses. For the evidence, the tribunal denied the motion as premature as no evidence had been offered by School District at the time of the motion. The tribunal noted that Parent could make contemporaneous objections to any evidence offered by School District during the due process hearing.⁹

c. Motion for Sanctions

On January 29, 2026, Parent filed a *Motion for Sanctions* against School District arguing that School District's *Motion to Exclude Petitioner's Witness List* was frivolous, misleading, procedurally abusive, and filed in bad faith. School District filed no opposition to Parent's motion. The tribunal denied Parent's *Motion for Sanctions* and gave its reasons on the record provide any legal authority, either state or federal, that authorized the administrative tribunal to impose sanctions.¹⁰

B. Due Process Hearing

a. Arguments

Parent argued that School District denied Minor FAPE by failing to timely initiate both a screening and evaluation of Minor for gifted services after receiving Parent's signed consent. Parent also argued that because School District delayed conducting both a screening and an evaluation of Minor for gifted services it violated its Child Find obligations to Minor. Lastly, Parent argued that he is authorized to request an IEE because he disputes School District's

⁹ Hearing Transcript, pp. 21-23.

¹⁰ Hearing Transcript, p. 21.

finding that Minor does not meet the eligibility criteria for an evaluation for the exceptionality of gifted.

School District maintained that the exceptionality of gifted is specific to Louisiana and not governed by any federal regulation, including the IDEA. It further argued that the LAC does not require that a screening for gifted services be conducted within a certain time frame. School District also argued that Parent did not consent to an evaluation of Minor, only a screening. Lastly, School District argued that it did not violate any provisions of FAPE or Child Find because Minor is not a student eligible for gifted services, and that because no evaluation of gifted services was conducted, Parent's request for an IEE is premature.

b. Exhibits

Parent offered exhibits marked P1, P2, P4, and P5.¹¹ Exhibit P6 was admitted into evidence as Joint Exhibit 1.¹² The top of P2 was admitted into evidence as Joint Exhibit 2.¹³ Exhibits P4 (2 pages) and P5 (5 pages) were admitted into evidence without objection. Exhibit P2 (6 pages) was admitted into evidence overruling School District's objection. Exhibit P1 (11 pages), was admitted in part and excluded in part. The documents not admitted into evidence from Exhibit P1 were excluded because they address Parent's other children and/or their pending due process hearing claims or other matters that are outside the scope relevant to the current due process complaint.

School District offered exhibits marked as SD-002, SD-004, SD-007, and SD-008.¹⁴ SD-004 (1 page) was admitted into evidence without objection. SD-002 (2 pages), SD-007 (1 page),

¹¹ While not changing the names of the exhibits, the tribunal added an exhibit identifier and page number to the bottom center and right of Parent's admitted exhibits. Exhibits P3, P7, and P8 were not offered.

¹² The tribunal marked the exhibit as Joint Exhibit 1 (total 1 page).

¹³ The tribunal marked the exhibit as Joint Exhibit 2 (total 1 page).

¹⁴ While not changing the names of the exhibits, the tribunal added the exhibit identifier to the bottom center of School District's admitted exhibits. Exhibits SD-001 and SD-006 were not offered.

and SD-008 (1 page) were admitted into evidence overruling Parent's objection. SD-003 and SD-005 are Joint Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively.

c. School District's Motion for Directed Verdict

Following Parent's presentation of his case in chief, counsel for School District orally moved for a directed verdict dismissing Parent's due process claim in its entirety. Both School District and Parent were given an opportunity to make oral arguments. Following a review of the evidence, the tribunal denied School District's motion and questioned the date Minor was screened for gifted services and the time delay between Parent's consent for observation and screening on June 10, 2025, and the date of the results on December 1, 2025.¹⁵

d. Post-hearing Briefs

Following School District's presentation of its case in chief, Parent and School District elected to forego closing arguments and opted to submit post-hearing briefs with citations to the record. Due to a delay in receiving the official transcript, the record was held open until March 30, 2026, to allow the parties an opportunity to submit post-hearing briefs. Both Parent and School District timely filed a post-hearing brief.¹⁶ School District's motion requesting that the deadline to mail the decision in this matter be extended to April 30, 2026, was granted.

STIPULATED FACTS

The parties stipulated to the following facts:

1. Parent is the biological father of Minor.¹⁷

¹⁵ Hearing Transcript, pp. 156-178.

¹⁶ In addition to his post-hearing brief, Parent also filed the following documents: *Devastating Rebuttal:[School District's] Counsel is an Embarrassment to the Legal Profession; Line-by-line Demolition of [School District's] Post-Hearing Brief*; and *Motion to Torch Record Replete with Deceit, Witness Perjury, Counsel Misrepresentation, and Judicial Error in Violation of IDEA and Bulletin 1508; Systemic Falsehoods by District Witnesses, Misstatements of Law by Counsel, and Reversible Error by the Administrative Law Judge*. Because this Decision dismisses Parent's due process hearing request in its entirety, it is not necessary to address any post-hearing motions raised by Parent.

¹⁷ Hearing Transcript, p. 46.

2. Minor is nine years old and attends School District.¹⁸
3. At the time of the filing of Parent's due process hearing request, Minor was in fourth grade.¹⁹
4. On June 10, 2025, Parent signed a consent form authorizing School District to observe and screen Minor by a school psychologist.²⁰
5. On December 1, 2025, School District Principal notified Parent that Minor did not meet the criteria for a full gifted evaluation.²¹

FINDINGS OF FACT

School District is the local education agency (LEA) tasked with developing and implementing the screening of students for gifted services.²² Parent signed a consent form on June 10, 2025, authorizing School District to observe and screen Minor.²³ School District was not in session at the time Parent signed the consent form.²⁴ Unless there is a school break or other extenuating circumstances, School District conducts gifted screenings in approximately 15-20 business days.²⁵ Screening for gifted services for students in grades 3-12, includes an academic screener and an intellectual screener.²⁶ For the academic screener, a student must test into the 95th percentile in either Math or Reading and score "Advanced" in at least one subject on the LEAP test.²⁷ If the student passes the academic screener, parental permission is sought for the intellectual screener.²⁸ The intellectual screener is the Kaufman Brief Intelligence Test (K-

¹⁸ Hearing Transcript, pp. 43-44 and 46.

¹⁹ Testimony of Parent, Hearing Transcript, pp. 104-105.

²⁰ Joint Exhibit 1.

²¹ Joint Exhibit 2.

²² SD-002.

²³ Joint Exhibit 1.

²⁴ Testimony of School District Principal, Hearing Transcript, p. 191.

²⁵ SD-002, p. 49.

²⁶ *See id.*

²⁷ *Id.*

²⁸ *Id.*

BIT).²⁹ If the student passes all parts of the academic screener and earns a minimum of 1.5 standard deviations above the mean, or 92nd percentile or higher, on the intellectual screener, then School District's School Building Level Committee will ask for parental permission for an evaluation.³⁰

School District conducts its screenings for gifted services after the first quarter.³¹ School District began screening students for gifted services on October 24, 2025.³² Minor's academic data shows that he scored in the 48th percentile in Math and the 33rd percentile in Reading.³³ Minor was administered the K-BIT intellectual screener on November 19, 2025.³⁴ Minor scored in the 50th percentile on the K-BIT.³⁵

Minor did not pass either the academic or intellectual screener for gifted services.³⁶ No evidence was offered that Parent gave consent for a gifted evaluation following the gifted screening of Minor. On December 3, 2025, Parent filed a due process hearing request with the Louisiana Department of Education.³⁷

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Parent failed to prove that School District denied Minor FAPE or that School District violated any provision regarding gifted services under Louisiana Bulletins 1706, Subpart 2,³⁸ or Louisiana Bulletin 1508 § 901,³⁹ and is not entitled to any relief based on his due process hearing request.

²⁹ *Id.*

³⁰ *Id.* See also testimony of School District Psychologist, Hearing Transcript, p. 253.

³¹ Testimony of School District Principal, Hearing Transcript, p. 192.

³² *Id.*

³³ SD-007 and SD-008. See also testimony of School District Principal, Hearing Transcript, p. 194.

³⁴ SD-004 and testimony of School District Provisional Psychologist, Hearing Transcript, p. 279.

³⁵ SD-004.

³⁶ Joint Exhibit 2, testimony of School District Principal, Hearing Transcript, p. 200, and testimony of School District Provisional Psychologist, Hearing Transcript, p. 280.

³⁷ P5.

³⁸ LAC 28.XLIII.1101.

³⁹ LAC 28.CI.901.

Burden of Proof

A school district's educational program for a child with disabilities is presumed to be appropriate.⁴⁰ The burden of proof is on the party seeking relief.⁴¹ As the party challenging the educational program provided by School District, Parent bears the burden of proof to rebut this presumption.⁴² Accordingly, Parent must affirmatively prove his allegations that School District denied Minor FAPE by failing to timely initiate a screening or evaluation of Minor for gifted services, that because of the alleged delays School District violated its Child Find obligations, and that Parent is entitled to an IEE because he disagrees with School District's gifted eligibility determination of Minor.

a. Governing Authority for Gifted Services in Louisiana

As stated above, the tribunal deferred ruling on two motions to dismiss filed by School District until after the completion of the due process hearing.

With regard to School District's *Partial Motion to Dismiss, and in the alternative, Motion to Strike IDEA-based Theories and Remedies* as alleged by Parent in his due process hearing complaint, a review of the law and evidence shows that Parent offered no legal authority to support any contention that special education services for gifted students is governed by the IDEA or any federal regulation. Regulations for gifted students are found in Louisiana Bulletin 1706, Subpart 2,⁴³ and Louisiana Bulletin 1508 § 901.⁴⁴ Specifically, "each LEA shall develop and implement procedures for screening students suspected of being gifted. The screening criteria shall not exceed the criteria for eligibility."⁴⁵ Because there is no authority found in the

⁴⁰ *White ex rel. White v. Ascension Par. Sch. Bd.*, 343 F.3d 373, 377 (5th Cir. 2003).

⁴¹ LAC 28:XLIII.511.J.

⁴² *Id.* See also *Schaffer ex rel. Schaffer v. Weast*, 546 U.S. 49 (2005).

⁴³ LAC 28:XLIII.1101.

⁴⁴ LAC 28:CI.901.

⁴⁵ LAC 28:CI.901.B.2.

IDEA or other federal regulation regarding gifted services for students, any contention that School District violated any federal law is without merit and will not be considered. School District's *Partial Motion to Dismiss, and in the alternative, Motion to Strike IDEA-based Theories and Remedies* is **granted**.

b. Parent did not prove that School District failed to timely initiate a screening of Minor for gifted services.

Parent argues that School District failed to initiate a screening of Minor within 30 days of the signed consent. Louisiana law directs LEAs to develop and implement procedures for screening students for gifted services.⁴⁶ The record shows that School District developed procedures for those students within its jurisdiction suspected of being gifted. Parent offered no evidence or legal authority that School District was required to conduct a gifted screening within 30 days of his written consent. Parent consented to School District's observation and screening of Minor on June 10, 2025. School District conducts gifted screenings in approximately 15-20 business days, unless there is a school break or other extenuating circumstances. The record shows that School District began its gifted screenings for the 2025-2026 school year after the first quarter, or in this case, October 24, 2025, and that Minor's screening was completed and the results issued to Parent by December 1, 2025. Parent did not prove his contention that School District failed to timely initiate a gifted screening of Minor.

c. Parent did not prove that School District failed to timely initiate an evaluation of Minor for gifted services.

Parent argues that School District failed to initiate an evaluation of Minor within 60 days of his written consent. Parent offered no legal authority to support this deadline, nor was any evidence submitted that School District requested parental consent for an evaluation of Minor.

⁴⁶ *Id.*

Louisiana Bulletin 1508 § 901(B)(3) (and School District’s policy) states that a student is not scheduled for an evaluation for gifted services unless they pass the screening criteria for such services.⁴⁷ Screening for gifted services for students in grades 3-12, includes both an academic screener and an intellectual screener. For the academic screener, a student must test into the 95th percentile in either Math or Reading. If the student passes the academic screener, parental permission is sought for the intellectual screener, wherein the student must earn a minimum of 1.5 standard deviations above the mean, or 92nd percentile or higher, on the intellectual screener. If the student passes both the academic and intellectual screener, School District’s School Building Level Committee will ask for parental permission for an evaluation.

The evidence shows that Minor did not pass either the academic or intellectual screener for gifted services. Minor’s academic data shows that he scored in the 48th percentile in Math, the 33rd percentile in Reading, and the 50th percentile on the K-BIT. Because Minor did not pass the criteria for gifted services in either the academic screening or the intellectual screening, he was not eligible to undergo a comprehensive evaluation for gifted services. As such, Parent failed to prove his contention that School District failed to timely initiate an evaluation of Minor for gifted services.

d. Parent failed to prove that School District denied Minor FAPE or violated its Child

Find Obligations to Minor

Parent’s argument that School District denied Minor FAPE or violated its Child Find obligations to Minor is without merit. In accordance with Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 1101, the state education agency shall be responsible for the assurance of FAPE to all gifted and talented students ages three through 21.⁴⁸ Additionally, § 1107 states that the LEA shall document the

⁴⁷ LAC 28.CI.901.B.3 and SD-002.

⁴⁸ LAC 28.XLIII.1101.A

ongoing effort of identifying children in its jurisdiction who are suspected of being gifted.⁴⁹ Louisiana Bulletin 1508 § 901 defines gifted children as “students who demonstrate abilities that give evidence of high performance in academic and intellectual aptitude.”⁵⁰

Minor was screened for gifted services in accordance with the law. Minor’s academic data shows that he scored in the 48th percentile in Math, the 33rd percentile in Reading, and the 50th percentile on the K-BIT. Because Minor did not pass the screening criteria to be eligible for a comprehensive gifted evaluation, Minor cannot be considered as a gifted student who is eligible for FAPE. Further, the record shows that School District received consent from Parent on June 10, 2025, to observe and screen Minor for gifted services; that Minor was screened after the first quarter in accordance with School District policy; and that Minor did not pass the screening criteria. As such, the evidence supports a finding that School District complied with its Child Find obligations. Parent failed to prove his contention that School District denied Minor FAPE or that it violated its Child Find obligations.

e. Parent’s request for an IEE is premature

With regard to School District’s *Motion to Dismiss IEE Request as Premature*, Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 503 states that “[a] parent is entitled to only one [IEE] at public expense each time the public agency conducts *an evaluation* with which the parent disagrees.”⁵¹ In this case, the record does not support a finding that Minor underwent anything more than a screening (not an evaluation) for gifted services. Because Minor did not undergo an evaluation for gifted services, Parent’s request for an IEE is premature. School District’s *Motion to Dismiss IEE Request as Premature* is **granted**.

⁴⁹ LAC 28.XLIII.1107.A.

⁵⁰ LAC 28 CI.901.

⁵¹ LAC 28.XLIII.503.B.3 (emphasis added).

Conclusion

Because Parent failed to prove that School District violated the Louisiana *Children with Exceptionalities Act* or any sections of the relevant state education bulletins, no relief can be granted. Parent's complaint is dismissed, and Parent is not entitled to any of the requested remedies.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Partial Motion to Dismiss, and in the alternative, Motion to Strike IDEA-based Theories and Remedies* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss IEE Request as Premature* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent's December 3, 2025, due process hearing request against School District is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent's requested remedies are **DENIED**.

Rendered and signed on April 30, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Thursday, April 30, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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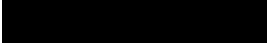
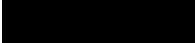


Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

Parent	
Minor	
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School District Principal	Faith Moses
School District Psychologist	Robin Bell
School District Provisional Psychologist	Johanna Sherrier

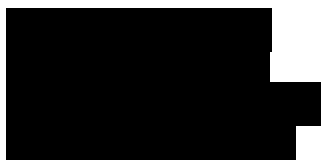
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-23-E



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2025-23555-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

* AGENCY ID. 56-H-23-E

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On December 11, 2025, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a *Withdrawal of Hearing Request*.² The request is granted, and the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's *Withdrawal of Hearing Request* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication bearing docket number 2025-23555-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on December 11, 2025, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, December 15, 2025, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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Leighann N. Guilbeau

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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² Administrative Law Judge Leighann N. Guilbeau conducted a telephone status conference on December 11, 2025. Timothy J. Riveria, counsel, appeared on behalf of School District. Parent was not present for the conference. The undersigned advised counsel, on the record, that Parent on behalf of Minor had filed a *Withdrawal of Hearing Request*.

Legend

Parent:	
Minor:	
School:	
School District:	Lincoln Parish Schools
School District Representative:	Phaedra Blake

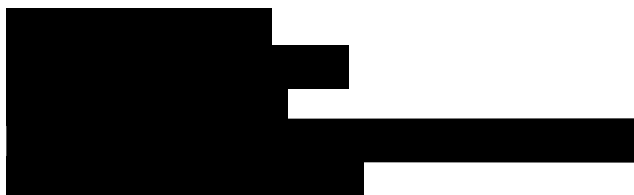
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I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2025-23555-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on December 15, 2025.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-24



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-23556-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-24**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request against School District on December 4, 2025. An in-person due process hearing is scheduled for February 18, 2026, and February 20, 2026, commencing at 9:00 a.m., each day, at School District's office.

On February 2, 2026, Parent filed a withdrawal of their due process hearing request, indicating that a settlement agreement had been reached with School District resolving all matters contained in the due process hearing request.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2025-23556-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the in-person hearing scheduled for February 18, 2026, and February 20, 2026, commencing at 9:00 a.m., each day at School District's office, is **CANCELLED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the prehearing telephone status conference scheduled for February 6, 2026, at 10:00 a.m., is **CANCELLED**.

Rendered and signed on February 2, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Anthony J. Russo
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, February 04, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court
Division of Administrative Law

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LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

West Carroll Parish School District

School



School District Representative

Emily Bradley

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-25



STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2025-23990-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF CHILD

* AGENCY ID. 56-H-25

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO DISMISS

Parent on behalf of Child filed a request for a due process hearing on actions by School District that Parent alleged violated the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* arguing that Parent lacks standing to file a request as Child reached the age of majority prior to the filing, and Parent's allegations do not state a basis for relief under IDEA. School District's *Motion to Dismiss* is **GRANTED**, and Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**.

A videoconference hearing on the *Motion to Dismiss* was conducted January 30, 2026, in Baton Rouge before Administrative Law Judge William H. Cooper. Appearing at the hearing was Patricia Adams, counsel for School District. Parent did not appear for the hearing despite being noticed.

School District offered its *Motion to Dismiss* and accompanying Exhibits A-H into evidence, as well as the entire record. These were admitted into evidence. School District argued Parent's request for a due process hearing should be dismissed on the grounds that Parent lacks standing to file a request for a due process hearing for her child who has reached the age of 18, and Parent's request does not state a basis for relief under IDEA.

Standing Argument

Child was born on January 26, 2007. Child reached the age of 18 years on January 26,

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2025. Parent filed her request for a due process hearing on December 9, 2025, 11 months after Child reached the age of majority.

Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:XLIII.520 states in relevant part:

A. General. When a student with a disability reaches the *age of majority* as defined in § 905 that applies to all students (except for a student with a disability who has been determined to be incompetent under state law), he or she shall be afforded those rights guaranteed at such age.

1. a. The public agency shall provide any notice required by these regulations to both the student and the parent; and

b. All rights accorded to parents under part B of the IDEA shall transfer to the student.

2. All rights accorded to parents under part B of the IDEA shall transfer to students who are incarcerated in an adult or juvenile, State or local correctional institutions; and

3. Whenever rights transfer under these regulations, pursuant to Paragraph A.1 or A.2 of this Section, the agency shall notify the student and the parents of the transfer of rights.

LAC 28:XLIII.905, the definitions, states that *Age of Majority*--as defined in Louisiana, means 18 years of age. Child was 18 years of age when, on September 21, 2025, Child signed a Parental Notification letter agreeing to attend Child's own October 6, 2025, Individual Accommodation Plan meeting.² Child also signed paperwork acknowledging they received a copy of *Section 504 Parent Rights and Grievances Procedures*.³ Child attended the October 6, 2025, meeting and signed paperwork acknowledging their attendance and receipt of a copy of *Notice of Parent Rights*.⁴ There is no showing that School District provided notice to Parent of the transfer of rights as required by LAC 28:XLIII.520.A.1.a.

Under operation of LAC 28:XLIII.520, Parent's rights transferred to Child on their 18th birthday, January 26, 2025. Child was provided notice of their rights on October 6, 2025. While School District had an obligation under LAC 28:XLIII.520.A.1.a to provide Parent with notice of

² School District *Motion to Dismiss*, Exhibit C.

³ *Id.*

⁴ *Id.*

transfer of rights, the regulation does not state that a failure to do so prevents such rights from transferring. Therefore, Parent lacked standing to file a request for a due process hearing on December 9, 2025. School District's *Motion to Dismiss* on this ground is granted and Parent's request for a due process hearing is dismissed.

Failure to state cause of action argument

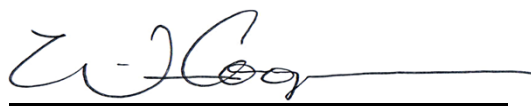
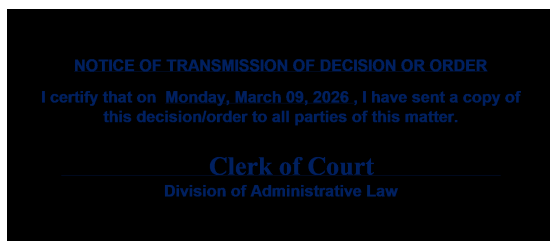
School District also argued that Parent's request for a due process hearing failed to state a cause of action. Because Parent does not have standing to file a due process hearing request on behalf of Child, it is unnecessary to address this argument by School District.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's request for a due process hearing in its entirety is **GRANTED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on March 9, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



William H. Cooper
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Jefferson Parish Schools

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James Gray and Emily Davis

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting Motion to Dismiss** in **Docket No. 2025-23990-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on March 9, 2026.

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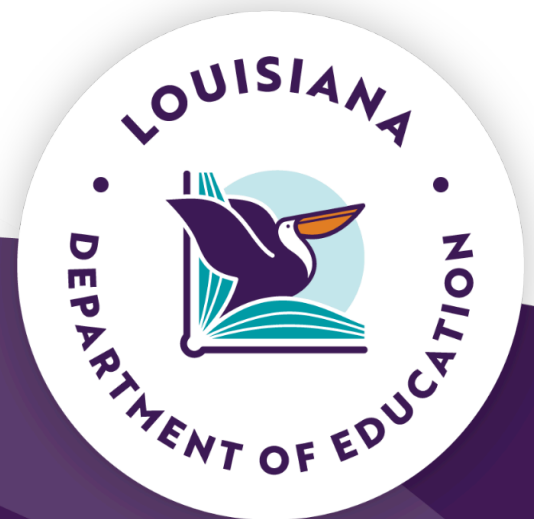
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-27**

**ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT’S MOTION TO DISMISS DUE PROCESS
COMPLAINT NO. 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA (56-H-27) AS DUPLICATIVE²**

a. Procedural History

On December 19, 2025, Parent filed a due process hearing request. As part of Parent’s due process hearing request, he alleges a violation by School District on December 16, 2025, regarding an incident involving the dismissal of Minor from School District grounds and the pick-up of Minor by Parent. Parent’s due process complaint alleges that “[i]f the [Individualized Education Program] IEP contains provisions regarding transition, safety, or communication, [School District’s] actions are a direct violation.” Parent’s due process complaint also urges that School District continues to deny Parent an opportunity for meaningful participation under the Individuals with Disability Education Act (IDEA), as well as retaliation against Parent by School District under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (§ 504) in response to Parent’s advocacy on behalf of Minor.

Parent has a concurrent due process hearing matter pending on behalf of Minor under *Docket Number 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA (56-H-17)*, wherein Parent alleges the following violations of IDEA by School District: (1) Minor was denied a free appropriate public education

¹ Due to confidentiality requirements, all specific identifying information has been redacted from this order. See attached Legend for identifying information.

² The full title to School District’s motion is *Motion and Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint No. 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA (56-H-27) as Duplicative, or, in the alternative, Motion to Strike or Limit Complaint No. 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA (56-H-27) and to Require Leave for Any New Allegations (Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint No. 2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27) as Duplicative)*.

(FAPE) when School District failed to develop an IEP reasonably calculated to enable educational progress for Minor, specifically the IEP dated October 31, 2025; (2) School District failed to implement the IEP; (3) School District failed to provide Prior Written Notice of the changes to the IEP; (4) denial of meaningful parent participation in the IEP process; and (5) misrepresentation of parental concerns during the IEP process. Parent also raised allegations of discrimination and retaliation in his amended due process hearing request, which were dismissed as being beyond the scope of the due process hearing in accordance with IDEA and Louisiana law.

b. School District's Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint No. 2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27) as Duplicative

On December 29, 2025, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint No. 2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27) as Duplicative* arguing that Parent already has a due process complaint on behalf of Minor with a hearing scheduled under *Docket Number 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA (56-H-17)*. School District's motion states that "the current filing duplicates a prior, still-pending due process proceeding involving the same student, the same parties, and the same alleged violations and requested relief." School District further states that "the first-filed case already encompasses the full remedial scope sought" in the current filing, including "emergency IEP action, a binding dismissal or safety plan, restoration of platform access, lifting of in-person attendance restrictions, staff training, and corrective measures."

In response to School District's *Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint No. 2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27) as Duplicative*, Parent filed *Petitioner's Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss*,³ arguing that the matter pending under *Docket Number 2025-21905-DOE-*

³ Parent also filed *Response in Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and Motion for Sanctions*; however, the response does not offer any substantive argument, rather it contains derogatory language and erroneous

IDEA (56-H-17) raises issues from “October through November 2025” and that the due process request filed under *2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27)* raises an issue “beginning on December 16, 2025,” and School District’s failure to safely implement Minor’s IEP.

c. Conclusion

School District’s *Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint No. 2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27) as Duplicative* is granted.

A review of Parent’s due process complaint under *Docket Number 2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27)* shows that Parent does not specifically state that Minor’s IEP provides for safe dismissal, only that *if* such language was contained in the IEP, then School District denied Minor FAPE by failing to safely implement the IEP. The due process hearing under IDEA is not meant to be used as vehicle for possible violations only if certain conditions exist. Parent’s allegations that *if* Minor’s IEP contained certain language regarding dismissal from School District, then School District violated FAPE is not an allegation that can be determined by the tribunal.

Parent’s allegation that School District continues to deny Parent meaningful participation is a pending allegation in the matter under *Docket Number 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA (56-H-17)*. Parent will have an opportunity to present evidence regarding this allegation at the hearing scheduled for January 26, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., at the offices of the Division of Administrative Law, located at 1450 Poydras Street, Suite 732, New Orleans, Louisiana 70112. If Parent wishes to amend his due process hearing request pending under *Docket Number 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA (56-H-17)*, to include additional allegations against School District, he may do so by filing an amended due process hearing request with the Division of Administrative Law no later than January 20, 2026.

references involving a separate matter for Parent’s other child currently pending under *Docket Number 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA (56-H-22)*.

Lastly, Parent's claims of retaliation under § 504 are beyond the scope of the hearing under IDEA and Louisiana law, as they neither relate to identification, evaluation, or placement of Minor nor do they relate to any provision of FAPE, and such claims were previously dismissed in the concurrent matter under *Docket Number 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA (56-H-17)*.

For the reasons stated above, Parent's due process request under *Docket Number 2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27)* is dismissed.⁴

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint No. 2025-24490-IDEA (56-H-27) as Duplicative* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the adjudication entitled *School District in the matter of Parent on Behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2025-24490-IDEA is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Parent wishes to amend his due process hearing request pending under 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA (56-H-17), he may do so no later than **January 20, 2026**.

Rendered and signed on January 16, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, January 16, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court
Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

⁴ Because Parent's due process hearing request under *Docket Number 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA* is dismissed in its entirety, it is not necessary to also address the following motions and/or filings: School District's *Motion and Memorandum of Case-Management Order regarding Filings and Briefing* and Parent's subsequent motions: *Motion for Default Judgment and Strike Unauthorized Filing; Petitioner's Opposition to Respondent's Motion for Case-Management Order; Motion to Strike Unauthorized Filings, Refer Counsel for Disciplinary Investigation, and Impose Sanctions; and Motion and Order to Show Cause why Ashley B. Jackson should not be Held in Contempt, Why Her Unauthorized Filings should be Stricken, and Why the Tribunal should Impose Sanctions and Refer her to Disciplinary Counsel*.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint No. 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA (56-H-27)** as **Duplicative²** in **Docket No. 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on January 16, 2026.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2025-24491-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY LOG NO. 56-H-28-E**

DECISION AND ORDER

Parent, on behalf of Minor, filed an expedited due process hearing request under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), alleging that School District denied Minor a free appropriate public education (FAPE) by (1) failing to determine Minor's conduct was caused by, or directly and substantially related to, Minor's disability; (2) failing to determine Minor's conduct was the direct result of School District's failure to implement Minor's Individualized Education Plan and the incorporated Behavioral Intervention Plan; (3) failing to provide procedural requisites for the Manifestation Determine Review; and (4) failing to provide special educational services during a change of placement. Parent's complaint is **DISMISSED** because Parent failed to prove School District denied Minor FAPE.

APPEARANCES

An expedited due process hearing was held on February 2 – 4, 2026 via ZOOM video conferencing services, before Administrative Law Judge Esther A. Redmann. Present at the hearing were Parent on behalf of Minor and Kimona Hogan, Parent's counsel of record. Present for School District were Parris Taylor, counsel of record, and Students with Exceptionalities Director.

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JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY

This adjudication is conducted in accordance with IDEA, 20 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 1400 *et seq.*; 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 300 *et seq.*; Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S.) 17:1941 *et seq.*; Louisiana Bulletin 1508, Pupil Appraisal Handbook, Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:CI; Louisiana Bulletin 1706, Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act, LAC 28:XLIII; Louisiana Bulletin 1530, IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities, LAC 28:XCVII; and the Division of Administrative Law's enabling legislation, La. R.S. 49:991 *et seq.*

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

Parent filed an expedited due process hearing request on December 19, 2025, following School District's completion of a Manifestation Determination Review (MDR). Parent alleged that School District denied Minor FAPE by (1) failing to determine Minor's conduct was caused by, or directly and substantially related to, Minor's disability; (2) failing to determine Minor's conduct was the direct result of School District's failure to implement Minor's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) and the incorporated Behavioral Intervention Plan (BIP), specifically Minor's required one-on-one (1:1) Paraprofessional supervision; (3) failing to provide procedural safeguards for the MDR; and (4) failing to provide general and special educational services while Minor was suspended and later once the disciplinary hearing officer expelled Minor. Parent argued that Minor's behavior on December 10, 2025, was a manifestation of ■■■ disability, including Minor's poor judgment marked by ■■■ impulsivity. Parent alleged School District failed to implement Minor's BIP because Paraprofessional was not in close range to prevent Minor from acting impulsively and taking out ■■■ cellphone to show an explicit picture to another student. Parent maintained that School District conducted an invalid MDR because it

was conducted without Parent’s participation and without first providing Parent with specific documents. Parent sought compensatory education for alleged missed minutes of general and special education instruction during Minor’s suspension and later, after the Disciplinary Expulsion Hearing and the hearing officer expelled Minor for his December 10, 2025, conduct.

School District claimed that Parent did not prove Minor suffered a substantial denial of FAPE. School District maintained that Minor’s IEPs and revised BIP were implemented in accordance with Minor’s State Facilitated IEP following a recent evaluation and that Minor’s conduct on December 10, 2025, was not the result of a failure to implement the revised BIP. School District maintained that Minor’s December 10, 2025, conduct was not due to a manifestation of ■■■ disability. School District maintained that Parent did not prove any procedural violations regarding the MDR and that Parent did not prove the claim for compensatory education.

At the hearing, Parent, Students with Exceptionalities Director, Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Principal, Vice Principal, School District Psychologist, Regular Education Teacher, Student Resource Officer, School District Mental Health Provider, and Paraprofessional testified. Students with Exceptionalities Director and School District Psychologist also provided expert opinions after being accepted as experts for School District. Parent’s and School District’s exhibits were admitted into evidence.²

² Counsel for the parties stipulated to the admissibility of Joint Exhibits 1, 2, and 3, which were admitted into evidence. Joint Exhibit 1 comprises SD-16 and P-1 (the December 19, 2025, MDR); Joint Exhibit 2 comprises SD-9 and P-12 (the December 19, 2025, Paraprofessional Statement); and Joint Exhibit 3 comprises SD-12 and components contained in P-3, P-4, P-5, and P-6 (the August 12, 2025, State Facilitated IEP). Also admitted were P-7, P-9, P-10, P-11, P-13, and SD -1 through SD-22, not already admitted in the joint exhibits. At Parent’s request, the tribunal took judicial notice of the Louisiana Department of Education’s (LDOE), “Louisiana’s Educational Rights of Children with Disabilities, Special Education Processes and Procedural Safeguards” May 2025 manual, located at [louisiana's-educational-rights-of-children-with-disabilities.pdf](#) on LDOE’s website (last visited February 20, 2026). During the hearing, the manual was referred to by Parent, Principal, and Students with Exceptionalities Director as the “Rights Handbook.”

Findings of Fact

Minor is a student in the [REDACTED] grade enrolled in High School in School District during the 2025-2026 school year. School District is the Local Education Agency that has the responsibility of providing Minor with FAPE. Minor qualifies as a student with disabilities under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Minor was identified as having the IDEA exceptionalities (disabilities) of Emotional Disturbance and Other Health Impairment due to medical diagnoses of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder – Hyperactive/Impulsive type (ADHD) and Oppositional Defiant Disorder (ODD).³

August 12, 2025, State Facilitated IEP and Revised BIP

Minor's most recent IEP and revised BIP for the 2025-2026 school year were developed at a State Facilitated IEP meeting on August 12, 2025.⁴ Minor continued to qualify as a student with exceptionalities.⁵ The August 12, 2025, IEP mirrors Minor's most recent multidiscipline evaluation conducted on May 24, 2024.⁶ School District's IEP key stakeholders and Parent participated in the State Facilitated IEP meeting.⁷ Parent did not allege any procedural violations occurred with respect to Minor's August 12, 2025, IEP and BIP.

Minor's August 12, 2025, IEP states that according to his May 2024 Functional Behavioral Assessment (FBA)⁸ including the rating scales, Minor has functional needs in the areas of attention, social skills, and sensation seeking.⁹

Parental concerns documented at the August 12, 2025, IEP did not include concerns to

³ Joint Exhibit 3.

⁴ Joint Exhibit 3, SD-11, SD-13, and expert opinions of School District Psychologist and Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁵ Joint Exhibit 3.

⁶ Joint Exhibit 3, SD-11, SD-13, and expert opinions of School District Psychologist and Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁷ Joint Exhibit 3.

⁸ Joint Exhibit 3 and SD-11.

⁹ Joint Exhibit 3.

address any behaviors of Minor exposing [REDACTED] to other students or exposing other students to images of [REDACTED] genitalia on [REDACTED] cellphone.¹⁰

The IEP incorporated the FBA's identification that Minor has behaviors of noncompliance shown by aggression (verbal and physical altercations) and being out of assigned area (elopement) and that the behaviors interfere with Minor's learning.¹¹ Minor's BIP was revised August 12, 2025, to address behaviors of elopement and aggression shown through verbal or physical altercations.¹²

As a related service in Minor's August 12, 2025, revised BIP, school-based counseling was implemented to be provided by School District's Mental Health Professional (MHP) but limited to, at Parent's request, counseling towards Minor's self-regulation to complete assignments.¹³ Parent instructed that Minor had private counseling and that the MHP could implement "check in" self-advocacy strategies only to see if behaviors of noncompliance displayed through aggression and elopement impeded Minor's ability to complete assignments.¹⁴ Minor's IEP provided Minor would receive 30 minutes of MHP services weekly to assist Minor with appropriate self-advocacy skills for task completion.¹⁵ The targeting supports were complying with directives within one minute of the request by authority such as teachers, with no more than two prompts and using self-advocacy strategies taught to appropriately respond.¹⁶ Parent prohibited the MHP from providing any mental health counseling.¹⁷

MHP entered progress monitoring notes into School District's database for tracking

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Joint Exhibit 3,SD-11, SD-13, testimony of MHP, and testimonies and expert opinions of School District Psychologist and Students with Exceptionalities Director.

¹² SD-13, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, and testimony/expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

¹³ Joint Exhibit 3,SD-11, SD-13, testimony of School District Psychologist, and testimony of MHP.

¹⁴ Joint Exhibit 3,SD-11, SD-13, testimony of School District Psychologist, and testimony of MHP.

¹⁵ Joint Exhibit 3,SD-11, SD-13, testimony of School District Psychologist, and testimony of MHP.

¹⁶ Joint Exhibit 3

¹⁷ Testimony of MHP.

Minor's progress in reaching the behavior goal of reducing daily behaviors by 50 percent.¹⁸ Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader monitored the progress reported by MHP and emailed quarterly progress notes to Parent that included MHP progress information.¹⁹ Minor's IEP did not require MHP to send Parent incident reports, including a report following Minor's December 10, 2025, conduct that prompted an MDR.²⁰ MHP implemented the behavior strategies of the BIP, including MHP providing check in times.²¹

Per Minor's August 12, 2025, IEP, Principal and Vice Principal assigned Paraprofessional to Minor to monitor ■ transition during structured and unstructured periods, including transition between classes, to prevent Minor's behaviors of elopement and aggression shown through verbal and physical altercations, and to assist Minor with in-class participation.²² At Parent's request, Paraprofessional was to shadow at a distance that would not draw attention to Minor's peers that Minor had a Paraprofessional and to not hover over Minor.²³

Minor's BIP did not require Paraprofessional to keep logs or collect data for progress monitoring; instead, Paraprofessional reported Minor's progress weekly to Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader towards the IEP goal of reducing the daily average of behavior incidences of elopement and fighting to 50 percent.²⁴ BIP did not require Paraprofessional to email Parent an incident report. Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader met with Paraprofessional after the IEP meeting to review the IEP, BIP, and the

¹⁸ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader and testimony of MHP.

¹⁹ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

²⁰ Joint Exhibit 3, SD-13, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader and testimony of MHP.

²¹ Joint Exhibit 3, SD-13, SD-18, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of School District Psychologist, and testimony of MHP.

²² Joint Exhibit 3, SD-13, testimony of Students With Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of Vice Principal, and testimony of Paraprofessional.

²³ Testimony of Students With Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of Paraprofessional, and testimony of School District Psychologist.

²⁴ Joint Exhibit 1, SD-13, testimony of Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, and testimony of Paraprofessional.

Paraprofessional's responsibilities, duties, and professional expectations.²⁵

Minor's August 12, 2025, IEP provides ■ least restrictive educational environment is the general education setting with a resource setting for study skills of 180 minutes per day, five days a week and two, 25 minutes per day one day a week (flex periods in resource setting) to receive assistance from teachers to modify any instructions if needed.²⁶

December 10, 2025, Conduct

On December 10, 2025, Minor was transitioning from ■ first to second period class within a short distance, "two long strides" of Paraprofessional.²⁷ While walking to ■ second period class, Minor initially talked to ■.²⁸ Minor approached another female student (minor female student) and began to talk to her. Minor had a calm and pleasant demeanor even after the minor female student told Minor she did not want to talk to Minor. Minor did not display defiant or aggressive behaviors, and Minor did not exhibit threatening body language. There were no demands placed on Minor during the transition.²⁹ While speaking to the minor female student, Minor surreptitiously retrieved ■ cellphone and exposed a picture of ■ genitalia on ■ cellphone to the minor female student.³⁰ The minor female student turned around with a seemingly shocked or repulsive reaction and went towards her classroom.³¹ Minor went to Minor's classroom.³² Paraprofessional closely shadowed Minor throughout Minor's transition, at a very close distance.³³

The minor female student reported Minor's conduct to Vice Principal, including that

²⁵ SD-13 and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

²⁶ Joint Exhibit 1 and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

²⁷ SD-2, SD-8, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

²⁸ Testimony of Paraprofessional.

²⁹ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader

³⁰ Students with Exceptionalities Director, SD-2, SD-8, SD-9, and SD-10.

³¹ SD-2 and SD-10.

³² Testimony of Paraprofessional.

³³ *Id.*

Minor showed her a picture of [REDACTED].³⁴ The minor female student was so upset and unnerved that she could not take the LEAP test.³⁵ The minor female student provided a written statement to School District.³⁶ Paraprofessional wrote a statement documenting the December 10, 2025, incident.³⁷

Vice Principal and Students with Exceptionalities Director viewed redacted video recordings of the December 10, 2025, incident.³⁸ Three segments of a few seconds of redacted video recordings were shown during the hearing.³⁹ The video shows Paraprofessional shadowing Minor at a close distance but not right next to or right behind [REDACTED].⁴⁰ The video shows Minor talking to one student while transitioning in the hallway, then shows Minor talking to the minor female student and stopping briefly to show her a cellphone.⁴¹ The video shows the minor female student turning around, displaying a repulsive reaction, and walking away in the opposite direction of Minor.⁴²

Notifications to Parent of Manifestation Determination Review.

Included in Principal's emails to Parent beginning on December 11, 2025, were School District's requests to schedule the MDR. At Parent's request to conduct an MDR within five days, School District scheduled the MDR for December 15, 2025, and provided Parent the requisite Prior Written Notice.⁴³ School District attached to the emails scheduling the December

³⁴ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director and testimony of Vice Principal.

³⁵ Testimony of Vice Principal.

³⁶ SD-10.

³⁷ SD-9 and testimony of Paraprofessional.

³⁸ SD-2, testimony Vice Principal and expert opinions of School District Psychologist and Students with Exceptionalities Director.

³⁹ SD-2, consisting of three short video segments entitled, "Para in hallway," "Student with Eggplant (colored) Sweatshirt," and "Student with Grey Shirt."

⁴⁰ SD-2.

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² *Id.*

⁴³ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, and testimony of Principal.

15, 2025, MDR, all relevant records Parent requested.⁴⁴ Included in the emails exchanged were Principal's request for a statement from Minor to obtain Minor's version of the incident, and Parent's response that ■ would not allow Minor to give a written statement, given the "sensitive nature of the concern and the potential legal implications."

Parent stated ■ would not attend the MDR until ■ received a written document from Principal providing a clear timeline of the suspension, a summary of evidence that the IEP and BIP were implemented, clarification and evidence of how School District determined the conduct constituted "obscene behavior/possession of obscene material," whether School District personally viewed the image, evidence it otherwise relied upon in making the "obscenity" determination, and evidence of School District's compliance with MDR requirements where applicable. A document summarizing these requests did not exist.⁴⁵ Parent also requested the written notice of the disciplinary action, MHP logs, Paraprofessional logs, and all evidence of School District's compliance with MDR requirements where applicable.⁴⁶ Parent did not propose alternative dates of ■ availability to attend an MDR.⁴⁷

School District attempted to reschedule the MDR for December 17, 2025, and Parent stated ■ would not attend until ■ viewed the video recording of the December 10, 2025, incident and until ■ received that list of documents.⁴⁸ School District offered two opportunities for Parent to view the redacted video recording, but Parent did not appear for either proposed viewing date or request to schedule an alternative date.⁴⁹

Principal and Students With Exceptionalities Director responded to Parent's requests to

⁴⁴ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, and testimony of Principal.

⁴⁵ Testimony of Principal.

⁴⁶ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, SD-5, testimony of Parent, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director, and testimony of Principal.

⁴⁷ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, SD-5, and testimony of Principal.

⁴⁸ SD-6a and 6b, SD-5, SD-7a and 7b, and testimony of Principal.

⁴⁹ SD-3, SD-4a, and testimony of Principal.

receive documents by sending the relevant documents the MDR Team would review, including the incident report, Minor's IEP and BIP, witness's statement, and Paraprofessional's statement.⁵⁰ Parent had already been provided progress reports incorporating MHP services on a quarterly basis with Minor's report cards.⁵¹

Students with Exceptionalities Director communicated with Parent, attempting to explain the difference between the MDR purpose of determining whether the conduct was related to Minor's disability or the result of a failure to implement Minor's IEP, and a discipline/expulsion hearing, which includes a determination of the conduct that violated School District's code of conduct rules.⁵² Students with Exceptionalities Director sent the relevant documents the MDR team intended to review and assured Parent [REDACTED] would have sufficient information to fully participate in the MDR, where all participants would review together all relevant information.⁵³

School District proposed a third MDR meeting by December 19, 2025.⁵⁴ Parent relied upon assistance from the Louisiana advocacy group, Families Helping Families (FHF), and her review of the LDOE Rights Booklet.⁵⁵ Based on her reliance on FHF's advice and [REDACTED] review of the LDOE Rights Booklet, Parent did not attend the MDR because although [REDACTED] received all relevant documents, [REDACTED] believed [REDACTED] needed to review Paraprofessional logs and MHP logs.⁵⁶

School District held the MDR on December 19, 2025, despite Parent's unwillingness to attend. Parent received Prior Written Notice for each scheduled MDR, including the December 19, 2025, MDR.⁵⁷ School District hoped Parent would participate to discuss Parent's perspective

⁵⁰ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, SD-5, SD-7a and 7b, testimony of Students With Exceptionalities Director, and testimony of Principal.

⁵¹ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

⁵² SD-5, P-9, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁵³ SD-5, P-9, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁵⁴ SD-7a and 7b, testimony of Principal, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁵⁵ Testimony of Parent.

⁵⁶ Testimony of Parent and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁵⁷ SD-4b, SD-6b, and SD-7b.

of Minor's conduct, but School District had duties to proceed to meet the mandated deadline and to observe Minor's rights to having the MDR conducted timely.⁵⁸

Manifestation Determination Review on December 19, 2025.

On December 19, 2025, School District conducted the MDR.⁵⁹ School District conducts the MDR first because if the MDR team determines the behavior was a manifestation of a student's disability, the disciplinary proceedings to change a placement do not occur, and instead, an IEP is convened to revise an existing BIP or determine other necessary services such as scheduling an assessment.⁶⁰ Although Minor had an initial 7-day, out-of-school suspension, School District conducted an MDR because there was a potential for an expulsion based on the criminal nature of the conduct.⁶¹

Parent received Prior Written Notice for all scheduled MDRs.⁶² The MDR participants (MDR TEAM) included Students with Exceptionalities Director, Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Vice Principal as Officially Designated Representative (ODR), and Regular Education Teacher, who teaches Minor's inclusion class consisting of many students with ADHD.⁶³ Neither Parent nor Minor attended. The behavior incident reviewed was "obscene behavior or possession of obscene/pornographic materials."⁶⁴ The behavior incident report states that Parent was notified December 10, 2025, that Minor was suspended from December 11, 2025, pending the scheduling of the MDR or at least until January 6, 2026, because the winter break began on the afternoon of December 19, 2025, through January 6, 2026.⁶⁵ The behavior incident description was "Student showed a female student a picture of ■■■ genitals on ■■■ phone.

⁵⁸ SD-5 and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁵⁹ Joint Exhibit 1.

⁶⁰ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁶¹ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director and Principal.

⁶² SD-7b.

⁶³ Joint Exhibit 1.

⁶⁴ *Id.* and SD-8

⁶⁵ SD-8, testimony of Principal, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

This occurred in the hallway during class change. The minor female student reported incident to administration who notified SRO.”⁶⁶ Minor was not cited for violating rules prohibiting cellphone usage.⁶⁷ The MDR Team was more focused on a serious criminal act having been committed by Minor against a minor female student.⁶⁸

Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader provided the MDR Team with Minor’s official folder containing all of Minor’s records, which were reviewed during the MDR meeting.⁶⁹ Minor’s records contained in the official folder would have been provided to Parent at the MDR meeting had Parent attended.⁷⁰ The MDR team reviewed the following documents during the MDR meeting: Minor’s August 12, 2025, State Facilitated IEP, revised August 12, 2025, BIP, and Minor’s assessments, and considered ■■■ current educational placement of general education with resources setting of 180 minutes, five days a week, and two, 25 minute flex periods in resources setting.⁷¹

The MDR Team discussed that Minor was making academic progress, passing all classes and generally “on track” in all classes per ■■■ IEP. The MDR Team discussed that Minor remained on task, did not engage negatively with students, and was provided ■■■ 1:1 Paraprofessional in the classes to provide redirection if needed. The MDR Team did not specifically review MHP notes because Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader provided the MDR Team with information based on her monitoring Minor’s progress in

⁶⁶ SD-8, testimony of Principal, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁶⁷ SD-8, testimony of Principal, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁶⁸ SD-8, testimony of Principal, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁶⁹ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁷⁰ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

⁷¹ Joint Exhibit 1, SD-11, SD-13, SD-14, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and testimony of Vice Principal/ODR.

fulfillment of her duty to ensure the IEP and BIP were implemented.⁷² The MDR Team discussed that Minor had no substantial amount of referrals for discipline during the 2025-2026 school year.⁷³ Student Resource Officer (SRO) was impressed with Minor's compliance during the 2025-2026 school year, based on SRO not hearing Minor's name "come across the radio," for behavioral incidences, and SRO's observations of Minor conducting [REDACTED] appropriately in the hallways during the 2025-2026 school year.⁷⁴

The MDR Team reviewed Minor's discipline history, which included: a fight with a headlock, but the fight was not sexual in nature, being in unauthorized areas, and tardiness, and the MDR Team discussed that Minor had no prior disciplines for the type of conduct that occurred on December 10, 2025: showing a female student a picture of [REDACTED] genitals on [REDACTED] cellphone.⁷⁵ Minor had a prior history of using profane and/or obscene language by calling another student a "bad" word when that student called him a "bad" word.⁷⁶ Minor's conduct of exposing a picture of [REDACTED] genitalia to a female student was considered by the MDR Team to be significantly different from Minor's other infractions, including significantly different from Minor's prior history of calling a student a "bad" word, even though both behavioral violations include the word "obscene."⁷⁷

Students with Exceptionalities Director, School District Psychologist, and Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader knew that Minor was accused of allegedly exposing [REDACTED] to another student while in junior high school, that it was only a rumor, that the allegation never

⁷² Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and testimony of Vice Principal/ODR.

⁷³ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and testimony of Vice Principal/ODR.

⁷⁴ Testimony of SRO.

⁷⁵ SD-15, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and testimony of Vice Principal/ODR.

⁷⁶ SD-15.

⁷⁷ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and testimony of Vice Principal/ODR.

materialized, that it was a “he said/she said” accusation that was not witnessed by any adults or with any substantiating evidence, that there was no video evidence, and that there was no disciplinary action taken or recordation of the alleged event in Minor’s records; it was only an allegation.⁷⁸

At the August 12, 2025, State Facilitated IEP meeting that created Minor’s IEP and BIP in place on December 10, 2025, Parent did not discuss concerns that Minor’s IEP or BIP should include interventions to address Minor having any behavioral needs to prevent Minor from exposing [REDACTED] to other students.⁷⁹

Vice Principal as ODR and Students with Exceptionalities Director shared with the MDR Team their observations from their review of the video.⁸⁰ The MDR Team reviewed a December 10, 2025, statement written by the minor female student who Minor showed the picture of [REDACTED] genitals.⁸¹

To determine whether Minor’s behavior was a manifestation of his disabilities, the MDR Team discussed Minor’s exceptionalities of Emotional Disturbance and Other Health Impairments, ODD and ADHD due to [REDACTED] medical diagnoses. Minor’s exceptionality of Emotional Disturbance manifested when a demand was placed upon [REDACTED] by a teacher, such as demanding Minor to sit down or take out paper, and [REDACTED] manifested behavior was oppositional defiance.⁸² The MDR team considered that during the December 10, 2025, incident, there were no demands placed on Minor. School District concluded that Minor’s conduct of showing a

⁷⁸ Testimony of School District Psychologist, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, and Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁷⁹ Joint Exhibit 3 and SD-13.

⁸⁰ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and testimony of Vice Principal/ODR.

⁸¹ SD-10 and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁸² Expert opinion of School Psychologist, expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

female student a picture of ■■■ genitals on ■■■ cellphone was not oppositional defiant behavior from ■■■ ODD diagnosis.⁸³ The MDR Team considered the written statement of the minor female student, who stated she was not interested in talking to ■■■, and noted Minor remained calm and friendly and did not exhibit aggressive conduct in response, including that ■■■ did not push the minor female student against a wall and that ■■■ did not elope from the scheduled area to transition to ■■■ next class. The MDR Team considered Minor had been friendly with ■■■ peers during the school year and had no referrals in the school year for aggressive or unfriendly interactions with peers.⁸⁴

The MDR Team's consensus was Minor's conduct was not a manifestation of Minor's disability, nor was it substantially related to Minor's disability.⁸⁵ The MDR Team concluded that Minor's disability manifests by aggressive behavior and elopement and that ■■■ disability does not manifest by taking a picture of ■■■ genitals on ■■■ cellphone in a seemingly premeditated manner and choosing to show it to a minor female student in a secret manner.⁸⁶

The MDR Team considered that the behavior was not a manifestation of Minor having impulsivity as a result of ■■■ medical diagnosis of ADHD because the conduct required planning, including taking a picture of ■■■ genitalia, and choosing to slowly position ■■■ in a place to conspicuously show the explicit image to the female student while displaying calmness and a friendly demeanor, and while walking and talking to the female student, even after the female

⁸³ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁸⁴ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁸⁵ Joint Exhibit 1, expert opinion of School Psychologist, expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁸⁶ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

student told Minor she was not interested in talking to Minor.⁸⁷

The MDR Team considered that Minor's impulsivity from [REDACTED] medical diagnosis of ADHD manifests in a reactionary manner when Minor displays oppositional defiant behavior and that Minor was not displaying reactionary, oppositional defiant behavior at the time of December 10, 2025, incident.⁸⁸ The MDR Team's consensus was the conduct was premeditated and not impulsive.⁸⁹

School District Psychologist opined that the MDR Team correctly concluded that Minor's conduct was not a manifestation of [REDACTED] disability.⁹⁰

The MDR Team's consensus was that Minor's conduct was not the result of School District's failure to implement the IEP and incorporated BIP.⁹¹ The MDR Team noted that Minor was receiving [REDACTED] resource minutes since the beginning of the school year. The MDR Team considered that Minor's IEP identified Minor's functional needs of seeking attention and sensation was exhibited, or manifested, by Minor's refusal to comply with directions, Minor's making inappropriate comments to staff and peers, and [REDACTED] leaving his assigned area.⁹² The MDR Team discussed that Minor was exhibiting good interpersonal social relationships with [REDACTED] peers and including during the December 10, 2025, incident. The MDR Team concluded that Minor's act of showing a picture of [REDACTED] genitals on [REDACTED] cellphone to a female student was not a behavior of refusing to comply with directives, inappropriately commenting to staff and peers, or

⁸⁷ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁸⁸ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁸⁹ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁹⁰ Expert opinion of School District's Psychologist.

⁹¹ Joint Exhibit 1, expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁹² Joint Exhibit 3, expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

leaving the assigned area, and School District's Psychologist opined the conclusion was correct.⁹³

Minor's August 12, 2025, revised BIP in place on December 10, 2025, was reviewed by the MDR Team.⁹⁴ Minor's August 12, 2025, BIP addressed Minor's behaviors of elopement and aggression.⁹⁵ The former BIP had interventions to address Minor's then behaviors of taunting and physical aggression.⁹⁶ The revised BIP included data from the previous assessments that when a request/challenge from adult/peers occurs, Minor reacts with verbal aggression and leaving the assigned area in noncompliance to gain attention.⁹⁷ Minor did not exhibit elopement or aggression during the December 10, 2025, incident.⁹⁸ Minor's evaluation, IEP, and revised BIP did not include behavior concerns for showing pictures of [REDACTED] genitalia to minor students for Paraprofessional to monitor behaviors of showing explicit images to minors. Parent had not discussed concerns for Minor having this behavior nor requested services to address any such behavior of showing explicit pictures of [REDACTED] to other students.⁹⁹ Minor did not have prior incidents of this type behavior in [REDACTED] discipline report history.

Minor was assigned a Paraprofessional to redirect Minor to avoid elopement and verbal and physical altercations resulting from oppositional defiant behaviors.¹⁰⁰ Paraprofessional was in close range and eyesight of Minor, close enough to redirect, if necessary, to avoid Minor

⁹³ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and expert opinion of School District Psychologist.

⁹⁴ SD-13, expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁹⁵ SD-13, expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁹⁶ SD-14 and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁹⁷ SD-14 and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

⁹⁸ SD-2, testimony of Paraprofessional, expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, expert opinion of School District Psychologist, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, and testimony of Regular Education Teacher.

⁹⁹ Joint Exhibit 3.

¹⁰⁰ SD-13, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of School District Psychologist, and testimony of Paraprofessional.

eloping or engaging in verbal or physical altercations. The MDR Team concluded Paraprofessional implemented the BIP and there were no behaviors of elopement or fighting for her to redirect during the December 10, 2025, incident; School District Psychologist opined the conclusion was correct.¹⁰¹

Minor saw ■■■ MHP weekly.¹⁰² At Parent's request, the MHP was allowed only to counsel Minor towards the goal of self-regulation to complete assignments. The MDR Team concluded that the preventive strategies of the BIP through MHP counseling were implemented with positive responses to interventions, evidenced by Minor having no referrals for major incidences since the start of the 2025-2026 school year. The MDR Team concluded that the December 10, 2025, conduct was not a result of MHP's failure to implement strategies of self-regulation towards assignment completion, as the conduct of showing an explicit picture to a female student was not within the identified behaviors of the IEP or revised BIP of elopement or aggression; School District Psychologist opined the conclusion was correct.¹⁰³

On December 19, 2025, School District gave Parent prior written notice of MDR results and recommendation for expulsion pending the disciplinary hearing, and notified Parent of the change of placement to Alternative School.¹⁰⁴

Claim for Compensatory Education.

On December 10, 2025, following the incident, School District notified the minor female student's parents, Parent, and the SRO as required per district policy requiring reporting of

¹⁰¹ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and expert opinion of School District Psychologist.

¹⁰² Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Students with Exceptionalities Director, and testimony of MHP.

¹⁰³ Expert opinion of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, testimony of VP, testimony of Regular Education Teacher, and expert opinion of School District Psychologist.

¹⁰⁴ SD-17a and 17b, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director, Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Vice Principal, and Principal.

claims involving explicit images to minors.¹⁰⁵ Dual investigations were pursued by law enforcement and School District.¹⁰⁶ Minor arrived to School's administrative office conference room and the SRO with his supervisor seized Minor's phone and placed it in a Ferriday bag. Neither law enforcement nor School District personnel examined Minor's cellphone or images contained on it. In the presence of Principal, the SRO, and the SRO's supervisor, who did not question Minor and who told Minor to not speak, Minor admitted to showing the picture of ■■■ penis on ■■■ cellphone to the female student.¹⁰⁷ SRO was surprised to hear Minor's name "come across" his radio and to see Minor in the conference room office because Minor had no disciplinary actions and ■■■ name was not heard by SRO on the radio during the school year.¹⁰⁸ Principal notified Parent that ■■■ needed to pick up Minor and that ■■■ was excluded from returning to school pending the completion of an investigation.¹⁰⁹

On Thursday, December 11, 2025, Principal emailed Parent to return his call.¹¹⁰ Principal also emailed Parent confirming Minor was suspended ("excluded"), and not expelled, pending an investigation or at least until January 6, 2026.¹¹¹ At that time, Parent believed Minor was expelled because on the night of December 10, 2025, ■■■ other son told Parent that allegedly his coach told the basketball team that Minor was expelled.¹¹² The behavior incident report dated December 11, 2025, that was sent to Parent stated "Out of School Suspension" beginning December 11, 2025, and that student returns when School District reopens from the winter break, on January 6, 2026, pending the scheduling of the MDR.¹¹³ On the morning of December 11,

¹⁰⁵ Testimony of Principal.

¹⁰⁶ *Id.*

¹⁰⁷ Testimony of SRO and testimony of Principal.

¹⁰⁸ Testimony of SRO.

¹⁰⁹ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, and testimony of Principal.

¹¹⁰ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, and testimony of Principal.

¹¹¹ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, and testimony of Principal.

¹¹² Testimony of Parent.

¹¹³ SD-8.

2025, Parent confirmed [REDACTED] understanding that Minor was suspended, “excluded,” and not expelled, pending the MDR scheduling or at least until January 6, 2026, the day school resumed after the winter break.¹¹⁴ Parent did not produce evidence to support [REDACTED] assertions, including those made in emails sent to School District, that Minor was not receiving educational services during the out-of-school suspension.

After three attempts to schedule the MDR with Parent, School District conducted and completed the MDR on December 19, 2025.

On December 19, 2025, School District notified Parent that the MDR concluded the conduct was not a manifestation of Minor’s disability nor the result of a failure to implement Minor’s IEP and BIP, that the MDR recommendation was expulsion, that Minor was placed at Alternative School, and that Parent must contact Supervisor of Administration, who was awaiting Parent’s call, to arrange for Minor to attend Alternative School when school resumed on January 6, 2026 (again, because School District was closed from the evening of December 19, 2025, through January 5, 2026).¹¹⁵ Parent did not present evidence that Minor did not receive educational services during the suspension or that [REDACTED] did not have access to virtual learning and services during the suspension period. Parent did not contact Supervisor of Administration on December 19, 2025, to arrange for Minor to attend Alternative School.

Minor was arrested on January 5, 2026, and incarcerated.¹¹⁶ Parent did not present competent evidence that Minor was not receiving educational services and supports while in Juvenile Detention Facility. Parent did not present competent evidence that [REDACTED] notified School District of when Minor was released from Juvenile Detention Facility to arrange for [REDACTED]

¹¹⁴ SD-3, SD-4a and 4b, and testimony of Principal.

¹¹⁵ SD-17a and 17b, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director and testimony of Principal.

¹¹⁶ Testimony of Principal.

attendance at Alternative School.¹¹⁷ Parent did not present evidence of when Minor was no longer incarcerated or that Parent had provided the information to School District.

The discipline/expulsion hearing was not held until January 13, 2026, due to Parent's delaying the scheduling.¹¹⁸ Principal, Parent, Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, and Students with Exceptionalities Director received a January 14, 2026, decision letter from the discipline hearing office that Minor was expelled and assigned to Alternative School.

Unaware of Minor's incarceration status, Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader contacted Parent to schedule an IEP meeting necessary for Minor's attendance at Alternative School, which was delayed at Parent's request until January 29, 2026.¹¹⁹

On January 22, 2026, School District received notice that Minor was in Juvenile Detention Facility located in a different parish, that Other School District was assuming educational jurisdiction, and Other School District requested a transfer of educational records.¹²⁰ School District followed customary protocol for a situation that occurs often when a student in School District is incarcerated because the detention facility is located in a different parish.¹²¹ Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader contacted Other School District for verifications and confirmed through a data systems check that Minor was transferred to Other School District, that Other School District assumed educational jurisdiction of Minor.¹²²

On January 22, 2026, School District notified Parent that it received this notice of Minor being in Juvenile Detention Facility and the transfer of educational jurisdiction to Other School District, and Parent did not request to have Minor attend Alternative School. Students with

¹¹⁷ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

¹¹⁸ Testimony of Principal and Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

¹¹⁹ Testimony Principal, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

¹²⁰ SD-21a and b, testimony Principal, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

¹²¹ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

¹²² SD-21a and b, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

Exceptionalities Department Leader verified the transfer and records requests, and School District completed the transfer and released the Minor's school records to Other School District. School District relied on the verifications in the database available and from Other School District because judicial entities issuing orders are not obligated to provide School District with dates.¹²³ Relying on the data in systems, School District completed the transfer to Other School District and cancelled the January 29, 2026, IEP meeting scheduled for Minor's attendance in School District's Alternative School.¹²⁴

Parent did not notify School District to make arrangements for Minor to attend Alternative School for School District to know that Minor was not at Juvenile Detention Facility. Parent did not disclose to School District whether Minor was out on bond, nor did Parent provide information for School District to know it should not follow protocol when it received a request for educational jurisdiction from another parish and verified Minor was enrolled in Other School District.¹²⁵ School District was following protocol to send records and relinquish educational jurisdiction for the time it was notified Minor was incarcerated at Juvenile Detention Center. The earliest date School District had an indication that Minor may no longer be incarcerated was January 28, 2026, through a Reply Memorandum Parent filed in support of Parent's Motion for Stay Put.¹²⁶ Parent did not deliver Minor to Alternative School as requested on December 19, 2025, following the MDR and as ordered by the hearing officer following the Disciplinary Hearing on January 13, 2026, for Minor to receive general and special education and related

¹²³ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

¹²⁴ SD-21a and b, testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

¹²⁵ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Principal, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

¹²⁶ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Principal, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

services contained in Minor's IEP.¹²⁷ Once School District obtained clarification and confirmation that Minor was returned to School District, an IEP was scheduled for Minor to attend Alternative School pending the outcome of this expedited due process hearing.¹²⁸

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Parent did not prove that School District denied Minor FAPE by (1) failing to determine Minor's conduct was caused by, or directly and substantially related to, Minor's disability; (2) failing to determine Minor's conduct was the direct result of School District's failure to implement Minor's IEP and the incorporated BIP; (3) failing to provide procedural requisites for a valid MDR; and (4) failing to provide special educational services during a change of placement, including during the suspension, incarceration periods, and following the expulsion hearing.

Burden of Proof

A School District's educational program for a student with disabilities is presumed to be appropriate.¹²⁹ As the party challenging the educational program proposed by the School District, Parent bears the burden of proof to rebut this presumption.¹³⁰ Parent must affirmatively prove the allegations that School District's failure to implement Minor's IEP and revised BIP denied Minor FAPE. Parent must affirmatively prove ■■■ allegations that School District's failure to determine Minor's conduct was a manifestation of Minor's disability denied Minor FAPE. Parent must affirmatively prove the alleged procedural violations occurred and impeded Minor's right to FAPE. Parent must affirmatively prove the allegation that School District failed to provide educational services to support a claim that compensatory education is owed to Minor.

¹²⁷ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director, testimony of Principal, and testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader.

¹²⁸ Testimony of Students with Exceptionalities Director.

¹²⁹ *White ex rel. White v. Ascension Parish Sch. Bd.*, 343 F.3d 373, 377 (5th Cir. 2003).

¹³⁰ *Schaffer ex rel. Schaffer v. Weast*, 546 U.S. 49 (2005).

General Discussion of IDEA

IDEA provides every disabled child with the right to FAPE¹³¹ designed to meet his specialized needs.¹³² The FAPE requirement of IDEA requires tailoring the unique needs of the disabled child by means of an IEP.¹³³

Before creating the IEP, the school district must conduct an initial evaluation to determine the student's eligibility and to identify student's educational needs.¹³⁴ An IEP is created by an "IEP Team" comprised of the child's parents, at least one of child's regular teachers, at least one of child's special education teachers, a school district representative, an individual who can interpret evaluation results (who may be either of the teachers or the school district representative) and, if appropriate, the child.¹³⁵ The IEP must outline the student's educational status, establish annual goals, and detail the special educational services and other needed aids and services specific to the child's disability that the child will be provided.¹³⁶ It also must provide, among other things, "the projected date for the beginning of the services and modifications . . . and the anticipated frequency, location, and duration of those services and modifications."¹³⁷

The IDEA guarantees only a basic floor of opportunity, consisting of specialized instruction and related services, which are individually designed to provide educational

¹³¹ Congress has defined FAPE as, "special education and related services that . . . (A) have been provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge; (B) meet the standards of the State educational agency; (C) include an appropriate . . . education in the State involved; and (D) are provided in conformity with the individualized education program required under section 1414(d) of this title." 20 U.S.C. § 1401(9).

¹³² 20 U.S.C. § 1400(d)(1)(A).

¹³³ 20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(1)(A); *Hendrick Hudson Cent. Sch. Dist., Westchester Cnty. v. Rowley*, 458 U.S. 176, 181 (1982).

¹³⁴ 20 U.S.C. §§ 1414(a)(1)(A)-(C).

¹³⁵ 20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(1)(B).

¹³⁶ 20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(1)(A)(i).

¹³⁷ 20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(1)(A)(i)(VII).

benefit.¹³⁸ A free appropriate public education “need not be the best possible one, or one that will maximize the child’s educational potential; rather, it need only be an education that is specifically designed to meet the child’s unique needs, supported by services that will permit [the child] ‘to benefit’ from the instruction.”¹³⁹ Appropriate education is provided when personalized educational services are provided.¹⁴⁰

Courts may not second-guess the decisions of school officials and may not substitute their own notions of sound educational policy for those of the school authorities, who have first-hand knowledge of Minor’s academic and behavioral needs based on daily interactions, observations, testing, and use of teaching methods and interventions.¹⁴¹

Rowley Standards

In *Board of Education of Hendrick Hudson Central School District, Westchester County v. Rowley*,¹⁴² the U.S. Supreme Court defined the contours of FAPE and established a two-pronged test to be used to determine if FAPE is being provided: (1) Has the State complied with the procedures set forth in the Act; and (2) Is the IEP that was developed through the Act’s procedures reasonably calculated to enable the child to receive educational benefits?¹⁴³ If these requirements are met, compliance with the obligations imposed by Congress have been met.¹⁴⁴

The Supreme Court in *Endrew F. ex rel. Joseph F. v. Douglas County School. District*, refined the *Rowley* FAPE standard to “a school must offer an IEP reasonably calculated to enable

¹³⁸ *Id.*

¹³⁹ *Adam J. v. Keller Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 328 F.3d 804, 808 (5th Cir. 2003).

¹⁴⁰ *Rowley*, at 197; 102 S.Ct. 3034.

¹⁴¹ *Hendrick Hudson Cent. Sch. Dist., Westchester Cnty. v. Rowley*, 458 U.S. 176, 206 (1982).

¹⁴² 458 U.S. 176 (1982). *See J.L. v Mercer Island Sch. Dist.*, 592 F.3d 938, 951 (9th Cir. 2010) (Although the IDEA has been amended multiple times since 1982, *Rowley* is still controlling.) The Supreme Court’s unanimous decision in *Endrew F. ex rel. Joseph F. v. Douglas Cnty. Sch. Dist. RE-I*, 137 S. Ct. 988 (2017), did not overturn *Rowley*.

¹⁴³ *Rowley*, 458 U.S. at 206-207.

¹⁴⁴ *Rowley*, 458 U.S. at 207.

a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child’s circumstances.”¹⁴⁵ The Supreme Court has held that “the essential function of an IEP is to set out a plan for pursuing academic and functional advancement.”¹⁴⁶ An IEP is reasonably calculated to provide meaningful educational benefit if a multi-factor analysis indicates “(1) the program is individualized on the basis of the student’s assessment and performance; (2) the program is administered in the least restrictive environment; (3) the services are provided in a coordinated and collaborative manner by the key ‘stakeholders’; and (4) positive academic and non-academic benefits are demonstrated.”¹⁴⁷ A FAPE “need not be the best possible one, nor one that will maximize the child’s educational potential; rather, it need only be an education that is specifically designed to meet the child’s unique needs, supported by services that will permit [the child] to benefit from the instruction.”¹⁴⁸ The IDEA does not require that parental preferences be implemented in an IEP.¹⁴⁹ The *Rowley* two-pronged inquiry is used to determine whether a public agency, such as School District, has provided FAPE under the IDEA to a particular child with a disability.

Applying the two-pronged test, Parent did not prove that School District failed to provide Minor FAPE.

Procedural Compliance: The first *Rowley* prong was met by School District.

To satisfy the first prong of the *Rowley* test, the State must comply with procedures set forth in the Act. Parent failed to prove that the alleged procedural violations impeded Minor’s right to FAPE, significantly impeded Parent’s opportunity to participate in the decision-making process regarding the provision of FAPE to Minor or caused a deprivation of educational benefit.

¹⁴⁵ *Endrew F. v. Douglas Cty. Sch. Dist. RE-1*, 137 S. Ct. 988, 999 (2017).

¹⁴⁶ *Endrew F.*, 137 S. Ct. at 992.

¹⁴⁷ *Cypress-Fairbanks Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Michael F.*, 118 F.3d 245, 253 (5th Cir. 1997).

¹⁴⁸ *Adam J. ex rel. Robert J. v. Keller Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 328 F.3d 804, 808 (5th Cir. 2003) (emphasis omitted) (citations omitted).

¹⁴⁹ *Bradley ex rel. Bradley v. Arkansas Dep’t of Educ.*, 443 F.3d 965, 975 (8th Cir. 2006).

A violation of the procedural requirements of IDEA amounts to a denial of FAPE if it impedes the student's right to FAPE, significantly impedes the parent's opportunity to participate in the decision-making process regarding the provision of FAPE to the child, or causes a deprivation of educational benefits.¹⁵⁰

Parent did not allege School District failed to comply with the procedural requirements of IDEA regarding the procedures for conducting Minor's IEP and revising Minor's BIP. The evidence shows Parent received notice and participated in the State Facilitated August 12, 2025, IEP. Instead, Parent alleged School District committed procedural violations of FAPE by conducting the MDR without ■■■ participation, failing to provide Parent with relevant information before conducting the MDR, failing to have relevant members present at the MDR, and failing to review requisite information at the MDR. Parent contended that the MDR should be invalidated because School District conducted the MDR before conducting a Disciplinary Expulsion Hearing.

The evidence proved School District complied with the procedural requirements for conducting the MDR. A preponderance of the evidence shows School District notified Parent of the MDR, attempted to reschedule the MDR three times at Parent's request, provided relevant records to Parent to be reviewed at the MDR, including a redacted video ■■■ declined to review, copies of Minor's IEP, revised BIP, the December 10, 2025, incident report, and witness's statements, and provided opportunities for Parent to inspect and review all education records as required under Bulletin 1706, Section 502.

School District agreed to schedule the MDR within 5 days at Parent's request; however, Parent believed ■■■ should not attend until ■■■ received a written statement from Principal outlining the "evidence against Minor," regarding the "charges" against Minor, a statement

¹⁵⁰ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(f)(3)(E)(ii).

which did not exist and was relevant to the Disciplinary Expulsion Hearing, but not the MDR. School District gave prior written notice of three dates to conduct the MDR within ten school days of the December 10, 2025, incident, as mandated in LDOE Bulletin 1706, Section 530. Parent did not offer alternative dates and repeated ■ would not attend until ■ received a statement from the Principal and all evidence of how School District determined the “obscene” conduct occurred. Although Parent argued ■ had a valid basis for not attending the MDR because ■ reasonably believed ■ needed certain evidence, School District explained to Parent that the purpose of the MDR was to collaboratively review with Parent Minor’s information at the MDR meeting to come to a consensus. School District assured Parent that in addition to the relevant documents submitted to Parent before the MDR, Parent would have an opportunity to review any available record. School District made the redacted video available to Parent for viewing before the MDR. The evidence supports the conclusion that School District made attempts to have Parent participate meaningfully before conducting the MDR on December 19, 2025, without Parent being present.

The relevant members for an MDR are Minor’s IEP Team.¹⁵¹ The records supports the conclusion that the relevant members of Minor’s IEP Team participated in the MDR. Those key stakeholders reviewed the relevant information, including Minor’s IEP, BIP, the witness’s statement, Paraprofessional’s statement, Minor’s prior disciplinary record, and the incident report, the same documents provided to Parent in the emails attempting to schedule the MDR. School District complied with procedural mandates for conducting a valid MDR. Parent failed to prove School District violated procedural requirements for conducting the MDR.

Parent did not present evidence that the IDEA or its implementation regulations in LDOE Bulletin 1706 prohibit a district from conducting an MDR before a disciplinary hearing. School

¹⁵¹ Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28: XLIII.530.F.

District conducts the MDR first because if the MDR team determines the behavior was a manifestation of a student's disability, the disciplinary proceedings to change a placement do not occur,¹⁵² and instead, an IEP is convened. Parent failed to prove actionable procedural violations.

Substantive Compliance: School District met the second prong of the Rowley test

To satisfy the second prong of the *Rowley* test, the IEPs and related services such as the BIPs must be reasonably calculated to enable Minor to receive educational benefits. The United States Supreme Court in *Endrew F.* reinforced the *Rowley* test, stating the IEP must be reasonably calculated to enable a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child's unique circumstances.¹⁵³

In determining whether the second prong of the *Rowley* test has been satisfied, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District v. Michael F.*¹⁵⁴ established a four-factor test. The four factors are (1) Is the program individualized based on the student's assessment and performance; (2) Is the program administered in the least restrictive environment; (3) Are the services provided in a coordinated and collaborative manner by the key "stakeholders;" and (4) Are positive academic and non-academic benefits demonstrated?

The Fifth Circuit has treated the factors "as indicators of when an IEP meets the

¹⁵² Under special circumstances, including when a student carries a weapon, possesses drugs, or inflicts serious bodily injury, school districts may remove a student to an interim alternative educational setting for not more than 45 school days without regard to whether the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability. See LAC 28: XLIII.530.G.

¹⁵³ *Endrew F. ex rel. Joseph F. v. Douglas Cnty. Sch. Dist. RE-I*, 580 U.S. 386, 388 (2017).

¹⁵⁴ *Cypress-Fairbanks Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Michael F.*, 118 F.3d 245 (5th Cir. 1997). Because the Court in *Endrew F.* only addressed the Tenth Circuit's FAPE standard, the Fifth Circuit's standards in *Michael F.* remain applicable. See *E.R. ex rel. E.R. v. Spring Branch Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 909 F.3d 754, 765 (5th Cir. 2018), stating that the *Michael F.* factors comply with *Endrew F.*

requirements of IDEA but has not specified how these factors should be weighed.¹⁵⁵ The factors are a guide in a fact-intensive inquiry of whether an IEP provided educational benefit.¹⁵⁶

Cypress-Fairbanks Factor One: the IEP was individualized based on Minor's abilities, assessments, and performance.

Parent did not assert that Minor's IEP and revised BIP were not individualized based on Minor's abilities and performance. The record contains evidence that the IEP and revised BIP were the result of a State Facilitated IEP on August 12, 2025, with Parent's participation and based on Minor's most recent evaluation. The record contains abundant evidence that the revised BIP specifically addressed Minor's current (2025-2026 school year) behavioral needs for interventions, which were elopement and aggression, and per Parent's limitations on the scope of the Paraprofessional and MHP's roles. Minor's IEP and revised BIP were individualized based on Minor's unique circumstances, abilities, and needs.

Cypress-Fairbanks Factor Two: Minor's educational program was administered in the least restrictive environment.

The IDEA's Disciplinary Provisions

Relative to the placement where Minor's educational program is implemented is the issue of a change in placement as a disciplinary action. If a student with an IDEA exceptionality violates a code of student conduct, IDEA provides detailed procedures that the local educational agency (LEA) must follow to suspend or expel him.¹⁵⁷ School personnel have unilateral power to suspend a child with a disability for up to ten days as they would a non-disabled child.¹⁵⁸

When the placement of a student with a disability is changed because of a violation of a

¹⁵⁵ See *Richardson Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Michael Z.*, 580 F.3d 286, 293 (5th Cir.2009); *Cypress-Fairbanks Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Michael F.*, 118 F.3d 245 (5th Cir. 1997). See also *Klein Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Hovem*, 690 F.3d 390, 396 (5th Cir. 2012), *cert. denied*, 568 U.S. 1231 (2013).

¹⁵⁶ *Richardson Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Michael Z.*, 580 F.3d 286, 293 (5th Cir.2009); *Klein Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Hovem*, 690 F.3d 390, 396 (5th Cir. 2012), *cert. denied*, 568 U.S. 1231 (2013).

¹⁵⁷ See generally LAC 28:XLIII.530.

¹⁵⁸ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(B) (2012); and LAC 28:XLIII.530.

code of student conduct, a “manifestation determination” must be made within ten school days to determine whether the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to the student’s disability, or whether the conduct was the result of a district’s failure to implement the IEP and the incorporated BIP.¹⁵⁹ The determination process is referred to as an MDR.

If the LEA, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP Team determine that either (a) the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the student’s disability, or (b) the conduct in question was the direct result of the LEA’s failure to implement the IEP, the conduct shall be determined to be a manifestation of the child's disability.¹⁶⁰

The record supports School District’s determination that Minor’s conduct of showing an explicit image of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] cellphone to a minor female student was not due to [REDACTED] disability or a failure of School District to implement Minor’s IEP and BIP.

December 19, 2025, MDR.

School District conducted an MDR on December 19, 2025, following Minor showing an explicit image of [REDACTED] on [REDACTED] cellphone to a minor female student. School District determined that the conduct was not a manifestation of Minor’s disability and was not the result of School District’s failure to implement Minor’s IEP and BIP. The issue is whether the School District made the correct determination. The answer is yes.

On December 19, 2025, the MDR was conducted. The MDR Team included Students with Exceptionalities Director, Students with Exceptionalities Department Leader, Regular Education Teacher, who teaches an inclusion class with Minor and other students who have

¹⁵⁹ LAC 28: XLIII.530.F.

¹⁶⁰ LAC 28:XLIII.530.E.1; *see also* 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(E)(i) (2012) and 34 CFR § 300.530(e).

ADHD, and Vice Principal/ODR. Students with Exceptionalities Director's expert opinion and the consensus of MDR participants who possess expertise in special education disabilities and manifestation of behaviors was that Minor's disabilities, including [REDACTED] behaviors from [REDACTED] medical diagnoses of ODD and ADHD, manifest through behaviors of elopement and aggression (verbal and physical altercations). School District Psychologist's expert opinion was Minor's disability did not manifest when Minor secretly showed a female student a picture of [REDACTED] located on [REDACTED] cellphone that [REDACTED] had taken at another time, indicating a behavior of premeditation and non-impulsive conduct.

Parent failed to offer any evidence, including expert opinion, to refute the testimony of the MDR team participants and School District Psychologist. A preponderance of the evidence supports the conclusion that School District's MDR Team correctly determined that Minor's December 10, 2025, conduct was not a result of Minor's disabilities and that it was not directly or substantially related to Minor's ADHD symptom of impulsivity.

Additionally, Parent did not present evidence to show that Minor's revised BIP was not fully implemented to support Parent's allegation that the MDR Team incorrectly concluded that Minor's December 10, 2025, conduct was not the result of a failure to implement Minor's BIP.

The record fully supports without controverted evidence the conclusion that Minor's Paraprofessional and MHP fully implemented Minor's BIP and as per Parent's requirements, which were discussed and fully included in the IEP and revised BIP at the State Facilitated IEP meeting. During the December 10, 2025, incident, Paraprofessional was located within the range of distance from Minor required by Parent. During the 2025-2026 school year, MHP met with Minor to effectively meet the self-regulation goal towards completing assignments, as defined and required by Parent and incorporated into the State Facilitated IEP and revised BIP.

Parent did not prove School District denied Minor FAPE when the MDR Team concluded that the December 10, 2025, incident was not the result of School District's failure to implement the significant portions of Minor's IEP and revised BIP.

Cypress-Fairbanks Factor Three: Services were provided in a coordinated and collaborative manner.

Parent did not allege that Minor's academic and behavior services were not sufficiently provided in a coordinated and collaborative manner by the key stakeholders.

Cypress-Fairbanks Factor Four: Child achieved positive benefits.

Parent did not allege Minor did not achieve positive academic and non-academic benefits from his IEP and BIP.

Remedies Requested.

One remedy requested by Parent was an order to invalidate the MDR. For the reasons outlined above, in the *Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District v. Michael F.* four-factor test, Parent failed to establish the MDR should be invalidated.

Parent also requested compensatory education based on an alleged failure of School District to provide general and special educational services during a change of placement. Minor was suspended by School District beginning December 11, 2025, pending the scheduling and conclusion of the MDR, or at least until school resumed from the winter break on January 6, 2026.

On December 19, 2025, Parent received Prior Written Notice of both the MDR results and the requirement to present Minor for placement at Alternative School. Parent did not make arrangements with School District on December 19, 2025, nor when School resumed on January 6, 2026, for Minor to attend Alternative School. On January 5, 2026, Minor was incarcerated and placed at Juvenile Detention Facility. School District attempted to schedule the Disciplinary

Expulsion Hearing, which was held January 13, 2026, after parental delays. Once the hearing officer at the Disciplinary Expulsion Hearing ruled Minor was expelled, School District made attempts to schedule Minor's IEP for Minor's attendance at Alternative School. After parental delays, the IEP was scheduled for January 29, 2026. However, on January 22, 2026, School District received notifications that Minor was in the custody of Juvenile Detention Facility located in Other Parish and verified the request of Other School District in Other Parish to assume a transfer of educational responsibility. Parent withheld Minor's release from incarceration information and did not present Minor for educational services at Alternative School. School District followed the customary protocol for transfer of students to Other School District while incarcerated at Juvenile Detention Facility. Once School District was notified that Minor was returned to its educational jurisdiction, School District scheduled Minor's IEP for Alternative School. Parent failed to prove School District denied Minor FAPE to support a claim for an award of compensatory education.

Conclusion

Parent did not prove that School District denied Minor FAPE by conducting an invalid MDR; by determining Minor's December 10, 2025, conduct was not a manifestation of, or substantially related to, his disability; by determining Minor's December 10, 2025, conduct was not the result of School District's failure to implement the significant provisions of Minor's IEP and revised BIP; or failing to provide general and special educational services during changes of placement. Parent's complaint is dismissed, and Parent is not entitled to any of the requested remedies.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's December 19, 2025, expedited due process complaint, alleging School District denied Minor a free appropriate public education is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent's requested remedies are **DENIED**.

Rendered and signed on February 20, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, February 24, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

Esther A. Redmann

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Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

Parent	
Minor	
School District	St. Tammany Parish Public Schools
High School	
Alternative School	
Other Parish	Tangipahoa Parish
Other School District	Tangipahoa Parish Public Schools
Juvenile Detention Facility	Florida Parishes Juvenile Detention Center
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Principal	
Vice Principal and Official District Representative	
Mental Health Provider	
Paraprofessional	
School District Psychologist	She’Kayla Smith
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Decision and Order in Docket No. 2025-24491-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on February 24, 2026.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-29



Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-30



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-0295-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

**LEGAL GUARDIAN ON BEHALF OF
MINOR**

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-30**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On January 1, 2026, Legal Guardian on behalf of Minor, through counsel of record, Ronald K. Lospennato, filed a *Request for Due Process Hearing*. A telephone status conference is scheduled for January 27, 2026, and a due process hearing is tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2026.

On January 26, 2026, Legal Guardian, through counsel of record, Mr. Lospennato, filed a *Withdrawal of Hearing Request Based on Resolution Agreement*, requesting that Legal Guardian's request for a due process hearing be withdrawn. The request is granted.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the Legal Guardian on Behalf of Minor's *Withdrawal of Hearing Request Based on Resolution Agreement* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Legal Guardian on Behalf of Minor's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, the matter bearing docket number *2026-0295-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone status conference scheduled for January 27, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., and the due process hearing tentatively scheduled for March 3, 2026, are **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on January 27, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

Anthony J. Russo

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Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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LEGEND

Legal Guardian



Minor



School District

Acadia Parish School District

School District Representative

Carol D. Tall

School



CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-0295-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on January 27, 2026.

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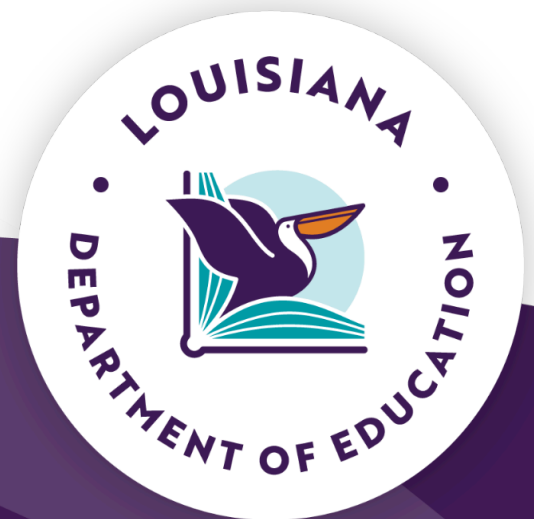
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-31-E



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-1071-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-31-E**

DECISION AND ORDER

Parent on behalf of Minor filed an expedited due process hearing request alleging that School District violated the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and denied Minor a free appropriate public education (FAPE) as follows: (1) violation of disciplinary sequence, (2) procedural defects in the manifestation determination review, (3) violation of stay-put protections, (4) predetermination of placement, (5) deficient behavior intervention plan, and (6) failure to implement appropriate behavioral supports. Parent's expedited due process complaint is **DISMISSED** because Parent failed to prove that School District violated the IDEA and denied Minor FAPE. Parent is not entitled to any relief.

APPEARANCES

An expedited due process hearing was conducted February 9, 2026, in Gonzales, Louisiana, before Administrative Law Judge Adaora Chukudebelu. Present at the hearing were Parent and her Advocate, Paije Lopez; Wayne T. Stewart, counsel for School District; and School District's Representative.

The following testified at the hearing: Principal; Grandmother; In-School Suspension Presider; School Social Worker; and Special Education Coordinator.

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JURISDICTIONAL AUTHORITY

This adjudication is conducted in accordance with IDEA, 20 United States Code (U.S.C.) § 1400 et seq. and 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §300 et seq.; Education of Students with Exceptionalities, Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S.) 17:1941, et seq.; Pupil Appraisal Handbook, Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:CI, Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) Bulletin 1508; Regulations for Implementation of the Children with Exceptionalities Act, LAC 28:XLIII, LDOE Bulletin 1706; Louisiana's IEP Handbook for Students with Exceptionalities, LAC 28:XCVII, LDOE Bulletin 1530; and the Division of Administrative Law's enabling legislation, La. R.S. 49:991 et seq.

STATEMENT OF THE CASE

On January 9, 2026, the LDOE received a written request for an expedited due process hearing from Parent. Parent's written request for an expedited due process hearing alleged that School District violated the IDEA and denied Minor FAPE as follows: (1) violation of disciplinary sequence, (2) procedural defects in the manifestation determination review (MDR), (3) violation of stay-put protections, (4) predetermination of placement, (5) deficient behavior intervention plan, and (6) failure to implement appropriate behavioral supports. Parent sought the following relief: immediate stay-put; vacate Minor's expulsion; a finding that Minor's behavior was a manifestation of Minor's disability; invalidation of the serious bodily injury finding; conduct a new MDR; develop a behavior plan with meaningful parent participation and appropriate positive interventions; award compensatory education services to remediate lost educational opportunities; and mandate training for district staff on discipline requirements.

Parent argued that [REDACTED] is a concerned parent and that School District did not meet its burden of showing that the injury inflicted on In-School Suspension Presider was serious bodily injury, and that the MDR and Minor's placement were not compliant with IDEA.

School District maintained that it has met its burden of showing that the injury inflicted on In-School Suspension Presider was serious bodily injury, and that Parent has failed to bear [REDACTED] burden of proof.

Parent's and School District's exhibits were admitted into evidence.² Before the conclusion of the hearing, the parties gave closing arguments, and the record was closed.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Minor, an [REDACTED]-year-old second-grade student at School, qualified for special education services with exceptionalities of other health impairments due to medical diagnoses of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and oppositional defiance disorder (ODD) and speech or language impairments in the area of articulation.³ Minor receives speech therapy as a related service.⁴

Prior to the decision to expel Minor, Minor's least restrictive educational environment was inside a regular education class for 80% or more of the day.⁵ Prior to the December 11, 2025, incident, Minor had a total of two in-school suspensions, and six out-of-school suspensions, for a total of eight suspensions.⁶

² P-8, (page 1 only), SD-3 (3 pages), SD-5 (5 pages), SD-8 (27 pages), SD-9 (15 pages), SD-14 (10 pages), SD-15 (7 pages), SD-18 (25 pages), SD-24 (2 pages) and SD-25 (pages 22 and 23 only). At School District's request, the Administrative Law Judge took judicial notice of Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 530 and Title 18 United States Code Annotated §1365(h)(3).

³ SD-15, p. 1; SD-9, p. 1.

⁴ SD-9, p. 1.

⁵ SD-15, p. 2.

⁶ SD-8, p. 13.

A Behavior Intervention Plan (BIP) was created for Minor on November 5, 2025.⁷ The BIP addressed the following behaviors: disruptive behaviors, non-compliance, physical aggression, elopement, and property destruction.⁸ A crisis plan was created for Minor on November 5, 2025.⁹ At that time, Minor's grades were Reading-F, Writing-C, Math-F, and Social Living-F.¹⁰ The BIP was officially added to Minor's Individualized Education Program (IEP) on November 17, 2025, during a virtual IEP meeting, with Parent in attendance.¹¹ At the virtual IEP meeting, Minor's goals were reviewed.¹² Prior to the meeting Parent was provided drafts of the BIP and the crisis plan.¹³ Minor's BIP was revised on December 15, 2025, and January 5, 2026.¹⁴ The revised BIP addressed the following behaviors: disruptive behaviors, non-compliance, physical aggression, elopement, property destruction and profanity.¹⁵ At that time, Minor's grades were Reading-D, Writing-C, Math-C, and Social Living-F.¹⁶

Principal has collaborated with School staff in providing educational services to Minor, and meeting his needs including communicating with (a) Minor's teacher and Parent on Minor's behavior goal, and (b) Minor's teacher and In-School Suspension Presider on different strategies to implement.¹⁷ As part of the IEP Team, Principal participated in creating a crisis management plan from the data collected and used in the BIP.¹⁸ Principal assisted Parent with completing a feeder request when Parent wanted to move Minor to another school.¹⁹ Principal also

⁷ SD-9, p. 1.

⁷ *Id.*

⁸ *Id.*

⁹ *Id.*

¹⁰ *Id.*

¹¹ Testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 56, 91.

¹² Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 91.

¹³ *Id.*

¹⁴ SD-9, p. 1.

¹⁴ SD-9, p. 8.

¹⁵ *Id.*

¹⁶ *Id.*

¹⁷ Testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 50, 53.

¹⁸ Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 50.

communicated with Parent via email and sometimes by telephone on several issues including when Parent wanted Minor to return to School, and discussing Minor's medication and behavior.²⁰

Discipline Incident

On or about 9:00 AM on December 11, 2025, when Minor was in In-School Suspension office, Minor wanted a toy and when ■ was told that ■ needed to complete ■ math assignment before ■ could play with the toy, ■ became aggressive.²¹ Minor was in a crisis and was placed in the deescalation room.²² Minor was then instructed to complete one math problem with a crayon and to "use a calm body" before School staff would release ■ to the In-School Suspension office.²³ Minor became agitated, started walking around the room, kicking the walls, kicking the doors, breaking faceplates, and tearing up tiles from the floor.²⁴ In-School Suspension Presider tried to stop Minor from tearing up the tiles by standing on the tile that Minor was trying to remove; Minor then hit her with a closed fist.²⁵ Minor threatened to hit In-School Suspension Presider in the face, but after In-School Suspension Presider calmly asked ■ to make a good choice, Minor backed away.²⁶ Minor also hit In-School Suspension Presider in the chest and stomped on her feet.²⁷

Minor then tried to turn off the lights in the deescalation room and In-School Suspension Presider used her hands to cover the light switch.²⁸ Minor ran up to In-School Suspension

¹⁹ Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 51.

²⁰ Testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 52, 54, 55.

²¹ SD-8, pp. 13-14, 22, 24-25; testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 123; testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 50, 53; and testimony of Special Education Coordinator, Transcript pp. 195-197.

²² Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 123.

²³ *Id.*

²⁴ *Id.*

²⁵ *Id.*

²⁶ *Id.*

²⁷ SD-8, p. 22; testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript pp. 134-136.

²⁸ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 123.

Presider and used both hands to forcefully push In-School Suspension Presider on her left side of her ribs.²⁹ In-School Suspension Presider visited an urgent care center, where X-rays were taken and after seeing the medical professional, In-School Suspension Presider was diagnosed with “chest pain, unspecified; multiple fracture of ribs, left side; initial encounter for closed fracture.”³⁰ In-School Suspension Presider was permitted to return to work with the following restrictions: no lifting, pushing, or pulling anything greater than five pounds; and to “avoid environments which can result in further assault.”³¹ In-School Suspension Presider was prescribed anti-inflammatory medication.³² In-School Suspension Presider returned to work on December 16, 2025.³³ In-School Suspension Presider described the pain from the injury as a sharp shooting pain that went across her back and chest and anytime she moved or bent over, she could hear a popping and clicking.³⁴ In-School Suspension Presider continues to experience pain and some discomfort, especially when she coughs or sneezes.³⁵

Minor also punched Principal and other School staff.³⁶ Minor used inappropriate language, cursing, and repeatedly threatened, “I will kill y’all!”³⁷ Due to Minor’s escalating behavior, hitting and kicking, Principal requested blockers and a School staff held a blocker in front of Principal.³⁸ School staff contacted Parent and Grandmother and informed them that Minor’s behavior was escalating.³⁹ Minor calmed down for a short period and was moved to the

²⁹ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 124.

³⁰ SD-5, pp. 2, 4-5; testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 137.

³¹ SD-5, pp. 2, 4-5; testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript pp. 126, 127.

³² Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 145.

³³ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 127.

³⁴ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript pp. 131-133.

³⁵ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 133.

³⁶ SD-8, pp. 14, 22, 24-25.

³⁷ SD-8, p. 14; testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 67, 80; testimony of Special Education Coordinator, Transcript p. 190.

³⁸ Testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 25, 26.

³⁹ Testimony of Grandmother, Transcript pp. 108-109; testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 24.

In-School Suspension room.⁴⁰ Grandmother was contacted and told Minor had calmed down.⁴¹ Shortly thereafter, Minor's behavior escalated and he was moved back to the deescalation room. Grandmother was again contacted and told to come to School to help deescalate the situation.⁴²

Based on the December 11, 2025, incident, Principal placed Minor on an out-of-school suspension from December 12, 2025, through December 16, 2025, with further consequences pending.⁴³ On December 16, 2025, Principal recommended expulsion of Minor based on the December 11, 2025, incident;⁴⁴ Principal prepared an expulsion packet, which included a summary of the December 11, 2025, incident, and other incidents involving Minor's behaviors as follows: willful disobedience; commits immoral or vicious practices; conduct or habits injurious to his/her associates; cuts, defaces, or injures any part of public school buildings; commits any other serious offense; assault or battery on a student, administrator, faculty member, or school personnel; and threatening (verbally or physically) any student, administrator, faculty member, or school personnel.⁴⁵

On December 16, 2025, Principal notified Parent at an office conference of the expulsion recommendation.⁴⁶ Parent requested an expulsion hearing.⁴⁷ An expulsion hearing was held December 19, 2025,⁴⁸ and on December 22, 2025, the Hearing Officer rendered a decision recommending Minor be expelled from the regular school setting.⁴⁹ By letter dated December 22, 2025, School District Superintendent upheld the Hearing Officer's recommendation to expel Minor from the regular school setting, imposed a minimum expulsion term of 45 days, and

⁴⁰ Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 27.

⁴¹ *Id.*

⁴² Testimony of Grandmother, Transcript pp. 108-109; testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 24.

⁴³ SD-8, pp. 6-7.

⁴⁴ Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 65.

⁴⁵ SD-8, pp. 6-7, 16-19; testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 65, 72.

⁴⁶ SD-8, p. 6; testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 31.

⁴⁷ SD-8, p. 8.

⁴⁸ SD-8, p. 2; testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 32.

⁴⁹ SD-8, pp. 3-5; Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 32.

provided Parent with, among other things, information of School District's alternative program, where Minor may attend to ensure Minor's education is not interrupted.⁵⁰ School District calendar shows that December 22, 2025, through January 5, 2026, were not school days; students returned to school January 6, 2026.⁵¹

In preparation for the MDR, School staff discussed next steps if the expulsion was upheld, like scheduling an MDR IEP meeting, and getting materials in place.⁵² MDR and reevaluation data review (RDR) are connected and were both held on January 7, 2026, with Parent present.⁵³ The following attended both the MDR and RDR: School Social Worker, Parent, Parent's Advocates, Special Education Teachers, Regular Education Teachers, Official Designated Representative (ODR), Speech Therapist, Special Needs Counselor, Grandmother, Principal, School Nurse, Training Nurse, Special Education Coordinator, School District Representative.⁵⁴ Only members of Minor's IEP Team participated in the MDR as follows: School Social Worker, Parent, Special Education Teachers, Regular Education Teachers, ODR, Speech Therapist, Special Needs Counselor.⁵⁵

The MDR participants considered all relevant information in Minor's file, including Minor's IEP, Minor's disciplinary and behavioral history and records, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by Parent.⁵⁶ School Social Worker documented Parent's input and votes of the MDR participants regarding whether (1) the conduct in question was caused by or substantially related to Minor's disability and (2) the conduct in question was the

⁵⁰ SD-8, p. 1.

⁵¹ Due to confidentiality requirements, School District Calendar located on School District website, last visited February 20, 2026, has been redacted from this *Decision and Order*. See attached Legend for identifying information.

⁵² SD-25, pp. 22-23; testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 41 - 42.

⁵³ Testimony of Principal, Transcript p.103; testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp.157, 164-166, 170-171.

⁵⁴ SD-14, p. 6; SD-15, p. 7; testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 170-178.

⁵⁵ SD-14, p. 6; testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 172, 174-175.

⁵⁶ SD-14 and testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 157, 165, 166, 169.

direct result of the School District's failure to implement Minor's IEP?⁵⁷ All MDR participants, except Parent, said "no" to both questions.⁵⁸ School Social Worker did not witness the December 11, 2025, incident; she collected the data used in the MDR.⁵⁹ School Social Worker opined that Minor's behavior on December 11, 2025, was not caused by or substantially related to Minor's disability because Minor's behavior was not a single impulsive act but repeated prolonged outbursts of aggression.⁶⁰ School Social Worker also opined that Minor was able to calm down and then become agitated and aggressive.⁶¹

At the MDR, Parent stated that ■ did not feel like the BIP was properly implemented.⁶²

Minor's RDR shows that a Functional Behavior Assessment (FBA) was conducted and it concluded that Minor "is likely to be non-compliant, talk/yell out impulsively with or without aggression, and/or act out with physical aggression in situations where ■ desires tangibles, is seeking attention, and/or wants to engage in a preferred activity."⁶³ The FBA data was used to create the BIP and crisis plan.⁶⁴

An IEP meeting was held on January 12, 2026.⁶⁵

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Parent failed to prove that School District violated the IDEA and denied Minor FAPE. Parent is not entitled to relief.

⁵⁷ SD-14, pp. 5-6 and testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 166, 168.

⁵⁸ SD-14, p. 5.

⁵⁹ Testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript p. 180.

⁶⁰ Testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 180-182.

⁶¹ Testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript p. 182.

⁶² Testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript p. 155.

⁶³ SD-15, p. 5.

⁶⁴ *Id.*

⁶⁵ Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 32.

Burden of Proof

A school district's educational program for a child with disabilities is presumed to be appropriate.⁶⁶ As the party challenging the educational program proposed by School District, Parent bears the burden of proof to rebut this presumption.⁶⁷ At a due process hearing, the party seeking relief bears the burden of proof.⁶⁸

Parent must affirmatively prove the allegations that School District violated the IDEA and denied Minor FAPE as follows: (1) predetermination of placement; (2) violation of disciplinary sequence; (3) procedure defects in the MDR; (4) failure to implement appropriate behavioral supports; (5) deficient behavior intervention plan; and (6) violation of stay-put protections.

Overview of IDEA

IDEA provides every disabled child with the right to FAPE⁶⁹ designed to meet his specialized needs.⁷⁰ A free appropriate public education "need not be the best possible one, nor one that will maximize the child's educational potential; rather, it need only be an education that is specifically designed to meet the child's unique needs, supported by services that will permit [the child] to benefit from the instruction."⁷¹ FAPE is delivered through an IEP, which must be created for a child by a school.⁷² Before creating the IEP, the school district must conduct an

⁶⁶ *White ex rel. White v. Ascension Parish Sch. Bd.*, 343 F.3d 373, 377 (5th Cir. 2003).

⁶⁷ *Schaffer ex rel. Schaffer v. Weast*, 546 U.S. 49 (2005); *Richardson Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Michael Z.*, 580 F.3d 286, 292 n.4 (5th Cir. 2009).

⁶⁸ Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 511(J).

⁶⁹ Congress has defined FAPE as, "special education and related services that . . . (A) have been provided at public expense, under public supervision and direction, and without charge; (B) meet the standards of the State educational agency; (C) include an appropriate . . . education in the State involved; and (D) are provided in conformity with the individualized education program required under section 1414(d) of this title. 20 U.S.C. § 1401(9).

⁷⁰ 20 U.S.C. § 1400(d)(1)(A).

⁷¹ *Adam J. ex rel. Robert J. v. Keller Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 328 F.3d 804, 808 (5th Cir. 2003) (emphasis omitted) (citations omitted); *R.P. ex rel. R.P. v. Alamo Heights Independent School Dist.*, 703 F.3d 801, 809 (5th Cir. 2012).

⁷² *Id.*

initial evaluation to determine the student's eligibility and to identify his educational needs.⁷³ An IEP is created by an "IEP Team" comprised of the child's parents, at least one of his regular education teachers, at least one of his special education teachers, a School District Representative, an individual who can interpret evaluation results (who may be either of the teachers or the School District Representative) and, if appropriate, the child himself.⁷⁴ The IEP must outline the student's then-current educational status, establish annual goals, and detail the special educational services and other aids that the child will be provided.⁷⁵ It also must provide, among other things, "the projected date for the beginning of the services and modifications . . . and the anticipated frequency, location, and duration of those services and modifications."⁷⁶

IDEA's Disciplinary Provisions

If a child with a disability violates a code of student conduct, IDEA provides detailed procedures that the local educational agency (LEA), like School District, must follow to suspend or expel the child.⁷⁷ School personnel have unilateral power to suspend a child with a disability for up to ten days as they would a non-disabled child.⁷⁸

When the placement of a student with a disability is changed because of a violation of a code of student conduct, a "manifestation determination" must be made within ten school days to determine whether the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the student's disability.⁷⁹ If the LEA, the parent, and relevant members of the IEP Team determine that either (a) the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to the student's disability, or (b) the conduct in question was the direct

⁷³ 20 U.S.C. §§ 1414(a)(1)(A)-(C).

⁷⁴ 20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(1)(B).

⁷⁵ 20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(1)(A)(i).

⁷⁶ 20 U.S.C. § 1414(d)(1)(A)(i)(VII).

⁷⁷ See generally Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530.

⁷⁸ See 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(B) and Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530.

⁷⁹ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530(E).

result of the LEA's failure to implement the IEP, the conduct shall be determined to be a manifestation of the child's disability.⁸⁰ If the conduct is determined to be a manifestation of the child's disability, the child must be returned to the placement from which he was removed, unless the parent and the LEA agree to a change of placement as part of the modification of the behavioral intervention plan, except in special circumstances.⁸¹

The law also provides that in special circumstances, the school personnel may remove a student to an interim alternative educational setting (IAES) for not more than 45 school days without regard to whether the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability.⁸² These are the special circumstances: student possesses drugs or weapons or inflicts serious bodily injury upon another person while at school, on school premises, or at a school function under the jurisdiction of the state agency or an LEA.⁸³ The term "serious bodily injury" for the purposes of disciplinary measures is bodily injury which involves a substantial risk of death; extreme physical pain; protracted and obvious disfigurement; or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty.⁸⁴ When an expedited due process hearing is requested, the applicable regulations provide that the student shall remain in an interim alternative educational setting (IAES) pending the decision of the hearing officer or until the expiration of the suspension or 45-school-day period, whichever occurs first, unless the parent and the LDOE or School District agree otherwise.⁸⁵

Rowley Standards

⁸⁰ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530(E)(2); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(e)(2) (2025); *see also* 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(E)(i).

⁸¹ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530(F)(2); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(f)(2) (2025).

⁸² 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(g) (2025); and Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 530.G(1)-(3).

⁸³ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(g) (2025); and Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 530.G(1)-(3).

⁸⁴ 18 U.S.C. § 1365(h)(3); 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(7)(D); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(i)(3) (2025); and Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 530.I(3).

⁸⁵ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(4); 34 C.F.R. § 300.533 (2025); and Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 533.

In *District of Education of Hendrick Hudson Central School District, Westchester County v. Rowley*,⁸⁶ the U.S. Supreme Court defined the contours of FAPE and established a two-pronged test to be used to determine if FAPE is being provided: (1) Has the State complied with the procedures set forth in the Act; and (2) Is the IEP that was developed through the Act's procedures reasonably calculated to enable the child to receive educational benefits?⁸⁷ If these procedural and substantive requirements are met, compliance with the obligations imposed by Congress have been met.⁸⁸

The Supreme Court in *Endrew F. v. Douglas Cty. Sch. Dist. Re-I*, refined the substantive *Rowley* FAPE standard and stated that “a school must offer an IEP reasonably calculated to enable a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child’s circumstances.”⁸⁹ The *Endrew F.* Court cautioned that its ruling “should not be mistaken for an invitation to the courts to substitute their own notions of sound educational policy for those of the school authorities” to whose expertise and professional judgment deference should be paid.⁹⁰ Consequently, a district court’s task is to determine whether a school district complied with IDEA and not to second guess their educational decision making.⁹¹ Additionally, the U.S. Supreme Court has held that “the essential function of an IEP is to set out a plan for pursuing academic and functional advancement.”⁹²

The following two-pronged inquiry is used to determine whether School District has provided FAPE under IDEA.

⁸⁶ *District of Education of Hendrick Hudson Central School District, Westchester County v. Rowley*, 458 U.S. 176 (1982). (Although IDEA has been amended multiple times since 1982, *Rowley* is still controlling. *J.L. v. Mercer Island Sch. Dist.*, 592 F.3d 938, 951 (9th Cir. 2010)). The Supreme Court’s unanimous decision in *Endrew F. ex rel. Joseph F. v. Douglas Cnty. Sch. Dist. RE-I*, 580 U.S. 386, 399-401 (2017) did not overturn *Rowley*.

⁸⁷ *Rowley*, 458 U.S. at 206-207.

⁸⁸ *Id.* at 207.

⁸⁹ *Endrew F.*, 580 U.S. at 399.

⁹⁰ *Id.* at 404.

⁹¹ *R.H. v. Plano Indep. Sch. Dist.*, 607 F.3d 1003, 1010 (5th Cir. 2010).

⁹² *Id.*

1. Procedural Compliance

Parents failed to prove that School District violated IDEA's procedural requirements.

To satisfy the first prong of the *Rowley* test, the School District must comply with procedures set forth in the Act. Any violation of the procedural requirements of IDEA amounts to a denial of FAPE if it impedes the child's right to FAPE, significantly impedes the parent's opportunity to participate in the decision-making process regarding the provision of FAPE to the child, or causes a deprivation of educational benefits.⁹³

Parent alleged that School District (a) violated the disciplinary sequence because the manifestation determination review (MDR) was conducted after the expulsion hearing, (b) had procedural defects in the MDR because the MDR was conducted without factual basis to support Minor's conduct during the December 11, 2025, incident caused serious bodily injury to In-School Suspension Presider, (c) violated stay-put protections by removing Minor to an IAES instead of keeping Minor in Minor's then-current educational placement, (d) predetermined Minor's placement because placement decisions were made before the MDR and IEP meeting, and (e) created a deficient behavior intervention plan (BIP) for Minor because School District revised the BIP without Parent's meaningful participation.

(a) Parent Failed to Prove that School District Violated the Disciplinary Sequence.

Parent's allegation that School District violated the disciplinary sequence because the MDR was conducted after the expulsion hearing is without merit.

The IDEA's disciplinary provisions mandate an MDR within ten school days of any decision to change the placement of a student with a disability because of a violation of a code of

⁹³ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(f)(3)(E)(ii).

student conduct.⁹⁴ A change in placement for disciplinary removal occurs if the student is removed for more than 10 consecutive school days, or when a series of short-term disciplinary removals cumulatively add up to more than 10 school days in a school year and the removals constitute a pattern.⁹⁵ Prior to December 11, 2025, Minor did not have a change in placement because ■ had a total of less than 10 consecutive disciplinary removals (in-school and out of school suspensions) and was not entitled to an MDR. After the incident on December 11, 2025, Minor received a four-day out-of-school suspension pending further consequences. However, Parent did not show a pattern of removal that cumulatively added up to more than 10 school days in a school year. Additionally, nothing in the IDEA provisions prescribes when an expulsion hearing must be held.

Based on the December 11, 2025, incident, Principal recommended the expulsion of Minor. Parent requested an expulsion hearing, which was held on December 19, 2025. The Hearing Officer also recommended that Minor be expelled. On December 22, 2025, School District's Superintendent agreed with the Hearing Officer and upheld the expulsion recommendation.⁹⁶ School District's Superintendent imposed a minimum expulsion term of 45 days and provided Parent with information of School District's alternative program, where Minor may attend to ensure Minor's education is not interrupted. Because School District decided on December 22, 2025, to change Minor's placement due to the violation of the code of student conduct, School District was mandated to conduct an MDR within 10 school days or by January 21, 2026.⁹⁷ The MDR occurred on January 7, 2026, less than 10 school days later; therefore, Parent failed to prove that School District violated the disciplinary sequence.

⁹⁴ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530(E).

⁹⁵ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 536; 34 C.F.R. § 300.536 (2025).

⁹⁶ SD-8, p. 1.

⁹⁷ School District calendar reflects that December 22, 2025, through January 5, 2026, were not school days; students returned to school January 6. See footnote 51 above.

(b) Parent Failed to Prove that there were Procedural Defects in the MDR.

Parent's allegation that there were procedural defects in the MDR because the MDR was conducted without factual basis to support Minor's conduct during the December 11, 2025, incident caused serious bodily injury to In-School Suspension Presider is without merit.

IDEA's disciplinary provisions mandate an MDR be conducted within 10 school days of any decision to change the placement of a student with a disability because of a violation of a code of student conduct.⁹⁸ The purpose of the MDR is to determine whether the behavior for which the student was disciplined was caused by or directly and substantially related to the student's disability or whether the conduct that led to the disciplinary action was the direct result of the School District's failure to implement the student's IEP.⁹⁹ The members of the student's IEP Team are the MDR participants and must consider all relevant information in the student's file, including the student's IEP, the student's disciplinary and behavioral history and records, any available medical information related to behavior, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by the parent.¹⁰⁰

At the MDR, the Team must determine (1) whether the conduct that led to the disciplinary action was caused by or substantially related to the student's disability; and (2) whether the conduct that led to the disciplinary action was the direct result of School District's failure to implement the student's IEP. If the answer to either of these questions is yes, then the behavior is deemed to be a "manifestation" of the disability and the student cannot be removed except for a few special circumstances, including when the student has inflicted serious bodily injury upon another person while at school, on school premises, or at a school function.¹⁰¹

⁹⁸ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530(E).

⁹⁹ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530(E)(1)(a)-(b).

¹⁰⁰ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530(E)(1).

¹⁰¹ Louisiana Bulletin 1706, §§ 530(F) and 530(G)

The members of Minor's IEP Team, including Parent, participated in an MDR on January 7, 2026.¹⁰² As documented in the MDR summary of information considered, the participants considered all relevant information in Minor's file, including Minor's IEP, Minor's disciplinary and behavioral history and records, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by Parent.¹⁰³ During the MDR process, School Social Worker documented Parent's input and votes of the members of Minor's IEP Team regarding the two questions they must answer: (1) was the conduct in question caused by or substantially related to Minor's disability? and (2) was the conduct in question the direct result of the School District's failure to implement Minor's IEP?¹⁰⁴ The MDR participants, except Parent, voted no to both questions.¹⁰⁵

Based on the preponderance of the evidence, Minor's MDR participants carried out the MDR mandate in accordance with IDEA and related regulations. Because the MDR participants' mandate is not to determine whether Minor's conduct during the December 11, 2025, incident caused serious bodily injury to In-School Suspension Presider, Parent failed to prove that there were procedural defects in the MDR.

(c) Parent Failed to Prove that School District Violated Stay-Put Protections.

Parent's allegation that School District violated stay-put protections by removing Minor to an IAES instead of keeping Minor in Minor's then current educational placement is without merit.

¹⁰² SD-14 and testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 157, 165, 166.

¹⁰³ SD-14 and testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 157, 165, 166, 169.

¹⁰⁴ SD-14, pp. 5-6 and testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 166, 168.

¹⁰⁵ SD-14, p. 5.

Except when an expedited hearing is requested, during the pendency of any administrative or judicial proceedings, unless the state or local educational agency and the parents of the student agree otherwise, the student is entitled to remain in the student’s then-current educational placement.¹⁰⁶ (emphasis added) The student’s current educational placement pending the completion of due process hearing procedures is typically known as stay-put. Stay-put is part of the IDEA procedural safeguards to benefit the parents and the student during litigation and operates as an automatic injunction that prevents schools from unilaterally altering a student’s placement.¹⁰⁷ The stay-put provision acts as a powerful protective measure to prevent disruption of the student’s education throughout the dispute process.¹⁰⁸ This procedural safeguard limits school districts’ authority to unilaterally exclude eligible students from school and allows students to remain in their current educational placement pending the outcome of due process hearings.¹⁰⁹

However, when an expedited hearing is requested, *as in the present case*, the applicable regulations provide that the student shall remain in the IAES pending the decision of the hearing officer or until the expiration of the suspension or 45-school-day period, whichever occurs first, unless the parent and the LDOE or School District agree otherwise.¹¹⁰ Because Parent filed for an expedited hearing to challenge School District’s (a) decision to change Minor’s placement and (b) the MDR, Minor must remain in the IAES pending the decision of the undersigned Administrative Law Judge or until the expiration of the 45-school-day period, unless Parent and

¹⁰⁶ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(j); 34 C.F.R. § 300.518(a) (2025); and Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 518(A).

¹⁰⁷ *Casey K. ex rel. Norman K. v. St. Anne Cmty. High Sch. Dist.*, 400 F.3d 508, 511 (7th Cir. 2005).

¹⁰⁸ *Joshua A. v. Rocklin Unified Sch. Dist.*, 559 F.3d 1036, 1040 (9th Cir. 2009).

¹⁰⁹ The Supreme Court has stated that section 1415(j) of the IDEA is “unequivocal,” stating “plainly” that a school board shall not change the current education placement of the child without the consent of the parents or until the issue is resolved through the administrative hearing process. *Honig v. Doe*, 484 U.S. 305, 323 (1998); *see Cronin v. Bd. of Educ. of East Ramapo Cent. Sch. Dist.*, 689 F. Supp. 197, 203 (S.D.N.Y. 1988); *see also R.B. v. Mastery Charter Sch.*, 532 F. App’x 136 (3d Cir. 2013).

¹¹⁰ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(4); 34 C.F.R. § 300.533 (2025); and Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 533.

the LDOE or School District agree otherwise. Additionally, because Minor's conduct during the December 11, 2025, incident caused serious bodily injury to In-School Suspension Presider,¹¹¹ School District has the authority to remove Minor to an IAES in accordance with IDEA and Louisiana regulations.¹¹² Parent failed to prove that School District violated stay-put protections.

(d) Parent Failed to Prove that School District Predetermined Minor's Placement

Parent's allegation that School District predetermined Minor's placement because placement decisions were made before the MDR and IEP meeting is without merit.

As discussed above, if a student inflicts serious bodily injury upon another person while at school, School District personnel may remove the student to IAES for not more than 45 school days without regard to whether the behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the student's disability.¹¹³ In the present case, because Minor, while at school, inflicted serious bodily injury upon In-School Suspension Presider, School District had the authority to remove Minor to IAES for not more than 45 school days without regard to whether Minor's behavior is determined to be a manifestation of Minor's disability.

Although Parent referred to emails from School personnel to support [REDACTED] contention that School District predetermined Minor's placement, the emails do not support Parent's contention. The emails reflect that School staff discussed next steps *if* the expulsion was upheld, like scheduling an MDR IEP meeting, and getting materials in place.¹¹⁴ (emphasis added) Those discussions do not show that a final determination had been made regarding Minor's placement. Based on a preponderance of the evidence, Parent failed to prove that School District predetermined Minor's placement.

¹¹¹ The full analysis of serious bodily injury is discussed below under *Cypress-Fairbanks Factor Two*.

¹¹² 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(g) (2025); and Louisiana Bulletin 1706, § 530.G(3).

¹¹³ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(g) (2025); and Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 530.G(1)-(3).

¹¹⁴ SD-25, pp. 22-23; testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 41-42.

(e) *Parent Failed to Prove that Minor's BIP was Deficient.*

Parent alleged that Minor's BIP was deficient because School District revised the BIP without Parent's meaningful participation. Although during the MDR, Parent stated that ■ did not feel like the BIP was properly implemented, at the hearing, ■ did not provide any evidence to support ■ contention; therefore, Parent failed to prove that Minor's BIP was deficient.

2. Substantive Compliance

Parent failed to prove that Minor's IEP was not reasonably calculated to enable Minor to receive educational benefits.

To satisfy the second prong of the *Rowley* test, the School District must have developed and implemented an IEP reasonably calculated to provide meaningful educational benefits. The U.S. Supreme Court in *Endrew F.* refined the second prong of the *Rowley* test and determined, the IEP must be reasonably calculated to enable child to make progress in light of child's circumstances.¹¹⁵

In determining whether the second test of the *Rowley* inquiry has been satisfied, the United States Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in *Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District v. Michael F. by Barry F.*¹¹⁶ established a four-factor test. The four factors are: (1) Is the program individualized on the basis of the student's assessment and performance; (2) Is the program administered in the least restrictive environment; (3) Are the services provided in a coordinated and collaborative manner by the key "stakeholders;" and (4) Are positive academic and non-academic benefits demonstrated?¹¹⁷ The Fifth Circuit has treated the factors "as indicators of when an IEP meets the requirements of IDEA," but has not specified how these

¹¹⁵ *Endrew F.*, 580 U.S. at 399-404.

¹¹⁶ *Cypress-Fairbanks Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Michael F. by Barry F.*, 118 F.3d 245 (5th Cir. 1997).

¹¹⁷ *Id.* at 253.

factors should be weighed.¹¹⁸ The factors are a guide in a fact-intensive inquiry of whether an IEP provided educational benefit.¹¹⁹ Where a “party [is] challenging the implementation of an IEP[, as Parent is, that party] must show more than a *de minimis* failure to implement all elements of that IEP, and, instead, must demonstrate that the school [district] or other authorities failed to implement substantial or significant provisions of the IEP.”¹²⁰

Cypress-Fairbanks Factor One

Parent did not allege that Minor’s IEP was not individualized based on Minor’s assessed abilities and performance.

Cypress-Fairbanks Factor Two

Parent failed to prove that Minor’s educational program was not provided in the least restrictive environment.

IDEA requires that “[t]o the maximum extent appropriate, children with disabilities . . . are educated with children who are not disabled.”¹²¹ The requirement that the child be educated in the “general education curriculum” reflects the notion that disabled children must be placed in the “least restrictive environment” in which they can receive FAPE.¹²² Where a disabled child has been correctly removed from his current educational placement for a violation of a code of conduct, the school board must ensure that the child continues to receive educational services . . .

¹¹⁸ See *Richardson Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Michael Z.*, 580 F.3d 286, 293 (5th Cir.2009); *Cypress-Fairbanks*, 118 F.3d at 245. See also *Klein Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Hovem*, 690 F.3d 390, 396 (5th Cir. 2012).

¹¹⁹ See *Richardson*, 580 F.3d at 293; *Klein*, 690 F.3d at 396.

¹²⁰ *Houston Indep. Sch. Dist. v. Bobby R.*, 200 F.3d 341, 349 (5th Cir. 2000); *Houston Indep. Sch. Dist. v. V.P. ex rel. Juan P.*, 582 F.3d 576, 587 (5th Cir. 2009). See *B.B. v. Catahoula Par. Sch. Dist.*, CIV A., 11-1451, 2013 WL 5524976, at *12 (W.D. La. Oct. 3, 2013).

¹²¹ 20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(5)(A).

¹²² *M.S. ex rel. Simchick v. Fairfax Cnty. Sch. Bd.*, 553 F.3d 315, 327 (4th Cir.2009); *DeVries By DeBlaay v. Fairfax Cnty. Sch. Bd.*, 882 F.2d 876, 878 (4th Cir. 1989) (“Mainstreaming of handicapped children into regular school programs where they might have opportunities to study and to socialize with non handicapped children is not only a laudable goal but is also a requirement of the Act.”).

so as to enable the child to continue to participate in the general education curriculum, although in another setting, and to progress toward meeting the goals set out in the child's IEP.¹²³

Under IDEA's disciplinary provisions, school personnel may remove a child to an IAES for not more than 45 school days without regard to whether the child's behavior is determined to be a manifestation of the child's disability, if the child has inflicted serious bodily injury upon another person while at school, on school premises, or at a school function under the jurisdiction of the state or School District.¹²⁴ Serious bodily injury is bodily injury which involves a substantial risk of death; extreme physical pain; protracted and obvious disfigurement; or protracted loss or impairment of the function of a bodily member, organ, or mental faculty.¹²⁵

Whether there is serious bodily injury is a question of fact based on the totality of the circumstances.¹²⁶ There is no dispute that Minor forcefully pushed In-School Suspension Presider on her left side rib area and in the chest and punched her with a closed fist. The issue is whether In-School Suspension Presider sustained serious bodily injury. Generally, testimony from medical providers, the injured party, or lay witnesses can be sufficient to establish a serious bodily injury; however, each case turns on the particular facts.¹²⁷ The record supports School District's determination that Minor's conduct caused serious bodily injury to In-School Suspension Presider.

In-School Suspension Presider provided credible testimony about what preceded the incident, how Minor refused to do ■■■ math work and became agitated, how Minor tried to turn off the lights in the deescalation room and how In-School Suspension Presider used her hands to

¹²³ 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(d)(1)(i); Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 530(D).

¹²⁴ 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(1)(G); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(g) (2025); Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 530(G)(3).

¹²⁵ 18 U.S.C. § 1365(h)(3); 20 U.S.C. § 1415(k)(7)(D); 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(i)(3) (2025); Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 530(I)(3).

¹²⁶ *United States v. Johnson*, 637 F.2d 1224, 1246 (9th Cir. 1980).

¹²⁷ *See United States v. Muyet*, 994 F. Supp. 501, 519 (S.D.N.Y. 1998).

cover the light switch.¹²⁸ Minor then ran up to In-School Suspension Presider and used both hands to forcefully push In-School Suspension Presider on her left side of her ribs.¹²⁹ In-School Suspension Presider described the pain from the injury as a sharp shooting pain that went across her back and chest and anytime she moved or bent over, she could hear clicking and a popping sound.¹³⁰ School District provided In-School Suspension Presider's medical record which shows that she was diagnosed with "chest pain, unspecified, multiple fracture of ribs, left side, initial encounter for closed fracture."¹³¹ In-School Suspension Presider's medical provider permitted her to return to work with the following restrictions: no lifting, pulling, or pushing anything greater than five pounds; and to "avoid environments which can result in further assault."¹³² In-School Suspension Presider's medical provider also prescribed her anti-inflammatory medication.¹³³ In-School Suspension Presider returned to work on December 16, 2025.¹³⁴ In-School Suspension Presider also testified that she still experiences pain and discomfort, especially when she coughs or sneezes.¹³⁵ Parent failed to offer any evidence to refute the testimony of In-School Suspension Presider.

Based on the evidence in the record, In-School Suspension Presider's injury, multiple fracture of ribs, left side, meets the definition of serious bodily injury because she suffered extreme physical pain from the multiple fractured ribs caused by Minor's conduct. Because School District correctly decided that Minor's least restrictive environment for educational program is an IAES, Parent failed to prove that Minor's educational program was not provided in the least restrictive environment.

¹²⁸ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 123.

¹²⁹ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 124.

¹³⁰ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript pp. 131-133.

¹³¹ SD-5, pp. 2, 4-5; testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 137.

¹³² SD-5, pp. 2, 4-5; testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript pp. 126-127.

¹³³ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 145.

¹³⁴ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 127.

¹³⁵ Testimony of In-School Suspension Presider, Transcript p. 133.

Cypress-Fairbanks Factor Three

Parent failed to prove that services were not sufficiently provided in a coordinated and collaborative manner by the key stakeholders.

School District's failure to provide all the services and modifications outlined in an IEP does not constitute a *per se* violation of IDEA.¹³⁶ To demonstrate lack of coordination among the key stakeholders, a party must "show more than a *de minimis* failure to implement all elements of that IEP, and, instead, must demonstrate that the school district or other authorities failed to implement substantial or significant provisions of the IEP."¹³⁷ The Court in *Van Duyn v. Baker*, stated that

when a school district does not perform exactly as called for by the IEP, the district does not violate [IDEA] unless it is shown to have materially failed to implement the child's IEP. A material failure occurs when there is more than a minor discrepancy between the services provided to a disabled child and those required by the IEP.¹³⁸

Coordination and collaboration require participants to communicate outside of IEP meetings to ensure the child's needs are met.¹³⁹

Parent alleged that School District failed to implement appropriate behavioral supports. Minor's BIP was created on November 5, 2025.¹⁴⁰ The BIP addressed the following behaviors: disruptive behaviors, non-compliance, physical aggression, elopement, and property destruction.¹⁴¹ A crisis plan was created for Minor on November 5, 2025.¹⁴² Minor's BIP was

¹³⁶ See *Bobby R.*, 200 F.3d at 349. See *L.D. by and through Heather D. v. Friendswood Indep. Sch. Dist.* 733 F.Supp.3d 612, 618 (S.D. Tex. May 7, 2024).

¹³⁷ See *Bobby R.*, 200 F.3d at 349; *D.B. v. Houston Indep. Sch. Dist.*, No. Civ. A. H-06-354, 2007 WL 2947443 at *10 (S.D. Tex. Sept. 29, 2007).

¹³⁸ *Van Duyn v. Baker School Dist.* 5J, 502 F. 3d 811, 815 (9th Cir. 2007).

¹³⁹ *Houston Indep. Sch. Dist. v. V.P. ex rel. Juan P.*, 582 F.3d 576, 587 (5th Cir. 2009). See *B.B. v. Catahoula Par. Sch. Dist.*, CIV A., 11-1451, 2013 WL 5524976, at *12 (W.D. La. Oct. 3, 2013).

¹⁴⁰ SD-9, p. 1.

¹⁴¹ *Id.*

¹⁴² *Id.*

officially added to the IEP on November 17, 2025, during a virtual IEP meeting, with Parent in attendance.¹⁴³ At the virtual IEP meeting, Minor's goals were reviewed.¹⁴⁴ Prior to the meeting Parent was provided drafts of the BIP in the crisis plan.¹⁴⁵ Minor's BIP was revised on December 15, 2025, and January 5, 2026.¹⁴⁶ The revised BIP addressed the following behaviors: disruptive behaviors, non-compliance, physical aggression, elopement, property destruction and profanity.¹⁴⁷

The record is replete with information about how key stakeholders and School staff provided services to Minor in a coordinated and collaborative manner. Namely, Principal communicating with Minor's teacher and Parent on Minor's behavior goal, and with Minor's teacher and In-School Suspension Presider on different strategies to implement with Minor; the IEP Team creating a crisis management plan from the data collected and used in the BIP;¹⁴⁸ and the MDR participants collaborating by reviewing all relevant information in Minor's file, including Minor's IEP, Minor's disciplinary and behavioral history and records, any teacher observations, and any relevant information provided by Parent before making a determination.¹⁴⁹

Although at the MDR, Parent stated that [REDACTED] did not feel like the BIP was properly implemented, at the hearing, Parent did not present any evidence that the BIP was not properly implemented. Considering the above, Parent failed to prove that School District failed to administer Minor's IEP in a coordinated and collaborative manner by the key stakeholders.

Cypress-Fairbanks Factor Four

Parent failed to prove that Minor did not achieve positive academic and non-academic

¹⁴³ Testimony of Principal, Transcript pp. 56, 91.

¹⁴⁴ Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 91.

¹⁴⁵ *Id.*

¹⁴⁶ SD-9, p. 1.

¹⁴⁶ SD-9, p. 8.

¹⁴⁷ *Id.*

¹⁴⁸ Testimony of Principal, Transcript p. 50.

¹⁴⁹ SD-14; testimony of School Social Worker, Transcript pp. 157, 165, 166, 169.

benefits from his IEP and BIP.

In *Houston Independent School District v. V.P. ex rel. Juan P.*, the Fifth Circuit described this fourth factor as “[p]erhaps one of the most critical factors”¹⁵⁰ The factor seeks to determine “whether the student was obtaining benefits from the IEP.”¹⁵¹ In *Endrew F.*, the Supreme Court stated that “the essential function of an [individualized education program] is to set out a plan for pursuing academic and functional advancement.”¹⁵²

The educational benefit “cannot be a mere modicum or *de minimus*; rather, an IEP must be likely to produce progress, not regression or trivial educational advancement.”¹⁵³ In *Bobby R.*, the court held that it is not necessary for a child to improve in every area to receive an educational benefit; rather, a child’s improvement must be more than trivial.¹⁵⁴ In *Endrew F.*, the Supreme Court stated that “[t]o meet its substantive obligation under IDEA, a school must offer an IEP reasonably calculated to enable a child to make progress appropriate in light of the child’s circumstances.”¹⁵⁵ The adequacy of a given IEP turns on the unique circumstances of the child for whom it was created.¹⁵⁶

Minor’s BIP was created on November 5, 2025, and at that time Minor’s grades were Reading-F, Writing-C, Math-F, and Social Living-F.¹⁵⁷ After his BIP was revised, Minor’s grades were Reading-D, Writing-C, Math-C, and Social Living-F.¹⁵⁸ Because it is not necessary

¹⁵⁰ *V.P. ex rel. Juan P.*, 582 F.3d at 588.

¹⁵¹ *Id.* (citing *Cypress-Fairbanks*, 118 F.3d at 252).

¹⁵² *Endrew F.*, 580 U.S. at 387.

¹⁵³ *Richardson*, 580 F.3d at 292 (citing *Cypress-Fairbanks*, 118 F.3d at 248).

¹⁵⁴ *Bobby R.*, 200 F.3d at 349.

¹⁵⁵ *Endrew F.*, 580 U.S. at 399.

¹⁵⁶ *Id.* at 404.

¹⁵⁷ SD-9, p. 1.

¹⁵⁸ SD-9, p. 8.

for a child to improve in every area to receive an educational benefit, Minor's progress in only Reading and Math are more than trivial, particularly in light of Minor's circumstances and unique needs.¹⁵⁹ Considering the above, Parent failed to prove that Minor did not achieve positive academic and non-academic benefits from ■ IEP and BIP.

Conclusion

Parent failed to prove that School District violated the IDEA and that Minor did not receive a FAPE. Considering the above, Parent is not entitled to the remedies sought.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's January 9, 2026, expedited due process complaint against the School District is **DISMISSED**.

Rendered and signed on February 25, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, February 25, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Adaora Chukudebelu

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

¹⁵⁹ *Bobby R.*, 200 F.3d at 349.

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Minor	
School District	Ascension Parish School Board
School	
School District Representative	Shannon Arceneaux
Principal	
Grandmother	
In-School Suspension Presider	
School Social Worker	
Special Education Coordinator	
Parent's Advocates	
Special Education Teachers	
Regular Education Teachers	
Official Designated Representative	
Speech Therapist	
Special Needs Counselor	
School Nurse	
Training Nurse	

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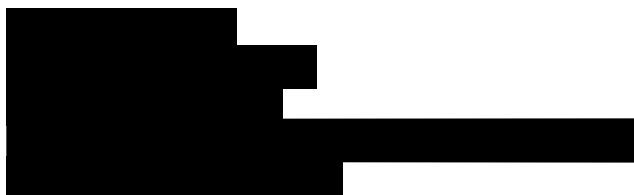
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-32-E



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF CHILD

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-1170-DOE-IDEA**

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-32-E**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

Parent requested a due process hearing to challenge School District's actions under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. On February 5, 2026, Wayne Stewart, counsel for School District, appeared for a telephone status conference. Parent did not participate in the telephone conference despite being noticed of the conference. During the telephone conference, Mr. Stewart advised that the parties successfully mediated the matter and that Parent agreed to withdraw their request for a due process hearing. On February 18, 2026, Parent filed a *Withdrawal of Hearing Request*. Parent's request for a due process hearing is dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's *Withdrawal of Hearing Request* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication under docket number 2026-1170-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on February 18, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Thursday, February 19, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

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William H. Cooper
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Rapides Parish School Board

School District Representative

Jeff Powell and Michael Yoist

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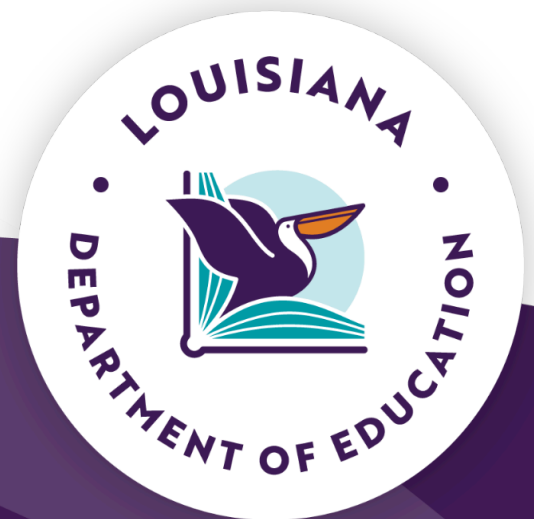
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-33



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-1854-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-33**

ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On January 22, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's due process hearing request. A telephone hearing was held on February 11, 2026, before Administrative Law Judge Stephanie E. Robin. Present for the telephone hearing were Ashley Jackson, counsel for School District and School District's representative.²

Procedural History

On January 12, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a third written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On January 20, 2026, the LDOE forwarded Parent's request to the Division of Administrative Law.

Prior to the filing of the instant due process hearing request, Parent filed two other due process hearing requests, which were docketed as *2025-21905-DOE-IDEA (Minor Action 1)* and *2025-24490-DOE-IDEA (Minor Action 2)*.³ Parent's due process hearing request filed on January 12, 2026, docketed as *2026-1854-DOE-IDEA (Minor Action 3)*, is the third written

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² Parent was issued notice of the telephone hearing at his last known mailing and email address; however, Parent did not call in to the hearing to participate.

³ *Minor Action 1* is currently pending and relates to Minor's Individualized Education Program (IEP) meeting held on October 31, 2025. *Minor Action 2* was dismissed by the tribunal on the grounds that the allegations contained in *Minor Action 2* were duplicative of the allegations contained in *Minor Action 1*. Parent was granted an opportunity to amend his due process hearing request in *Minor Action 1*, but he did not file any amendment.

request by Parent ⁴

In *Minor Action 3*, Parent alleges that a change of placement occurred as a result of Minor's suspension on January 12, 2026, and that School District failed to conduct a manifestation determination review. Parent also made allegations of retaliation and violations of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and a breach of duty of care under Louisiana Bulletin 741.⁵ In both *Minor Action 1* and *Minor Action 2*, Parent's allegations of retaliation and violations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA were dismissed because those claims are outside the tribunal's authority for a due process hearing contemplated by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and Louisiana Bulletin 1706.⁶

On January 22, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss and Incorporated Memorandum in Support* Parent's due process hearing request on the basis that it alleges "no concrete facts demonstrating either an educational deprivation or a violation of the IDEA disciplinary safeguards resulting in substantive harm."

On January 23, 2026, Parent filed two pleadings: *Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss* and *Memorandum in Vehement Opposition to Respondent's Meritless and Recycled Motion to Dismiss*. On February 9, 2026, Parent filed *Petitioner's Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss with Additional Evidence of Wrongdoing*.

School District submitted its *Reply Memorandum in Support of Motion to Dismiss* on February 9, 2026, and Parent responded with his *Formal Written Rebuttal to Respondent's Reply Memorandum and Motion to Strike Respondent's Reply, and Motion to Exclude [School*

⁴ At the time of this *Order*, Parent has filed five additional due process hearing requests which have been docketed as 2026-3349-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 4*); 2026-4247-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 5*); 2026-4248-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 6*); 2026-4249-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 7*); and 2026-4250-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 8*).

⁵ Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:LXXIX.

⁶ LAC 28:XLIII, Louisiana Handbook for Nonpublic School Administrators.

District's] "Equipment Loan Agreement" and "Acceptable Use Policy" as Inadmissible Hearsay.

a. *Hearing on School District's Motion to Dismiss*

In support of its motion, School District argued that Parent's due process hearing request does not show how a change of placement of more than 10 days occurred such that a manifestation determination review would be warranted. During the hearing, Ms. Jackson noted that the disciplinary action taken by School District was in response to a school-wide policy applicable to all students, not just students with a disability. Additionally, Ms. Jackson noted that Minor's suspension was a one day out-of-school suspension and that Minor had no other suspensions on record. School District contends that Parent continues to file due process hearing requests alleging violations of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act and the ADA, which are causes of action previously dismissed and are beyond the authority of the tribunal. School District also argues that Parent's allegation of a breach of duty of care under Louisiana Bulletin 741 relate to state regulatory or tort concepts and do not expand IDEA due process jurisdiction; therefore, they are beyond the scope of the tribunal's authority for a due process hearing.

b. *Ruling on School District's Motion to Dismiss*

School personnel may remove a child with a disability who violates a code of student conduct from his current placement to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting, another setting, or suspension, for not more than 10 consecutive school days (to the extent those alternatives are applied to students without disabilities).⁷ A parent of a child with a disability who disagrees with any decision regarding placement for more than 10 consecutive school days may appeal the decision by requesting a hearing.⁸

⁷ 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(b)(1) (2025) and LAC 28:XLIII.530.B.1.

⁸ See 34 C.F.R. § 300.532(a) (2025) and LAC 28:XLIII.532.A.

In this case, Parent argues that School District was mandated to conduct a manifestation determination review because Minor was disciplined with a one-day suspension. Parent's due process complaint references only one discipline action, and counsel for School District confirmed during the hearing that Minor had no other suspensions on record. School personnel are authorized to enforce code of conduct policies that are applicable to both disabled and non-disabled students. Parent's due process complaint and subsequent filings do not show that the school-wide code of conduct policy was enforced only to those students with disabilities, such as, Minor. Because Minor was not subject to a change of placement of more than 10 days, Parent's due process complaint does not state a cause of action for which this tribunal has jurisdiction.

Parent's due process hearing request regarding allegations of retaliation and violations of the ADA, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and a breach of duty of care under Louisiana Bulletin 741 are beyond the scope of the hearing under IDEA and Louisiana law as they do not relate to the identification, evaluation, or placement of Minor nor do they relate to any provision of a free appropriate public education. For these reasons, School District's *Motion to Dismiss* is granted and Parent's due process complaint is dismissed.

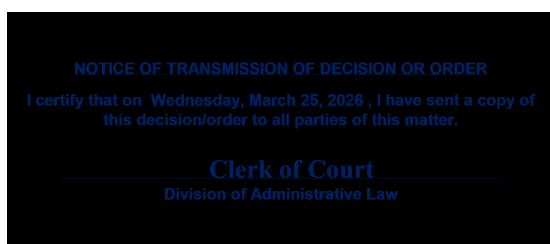
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ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint in its entirety is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on March 24, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss** in **Docket No. 2026-1854-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on March 25, 2026.

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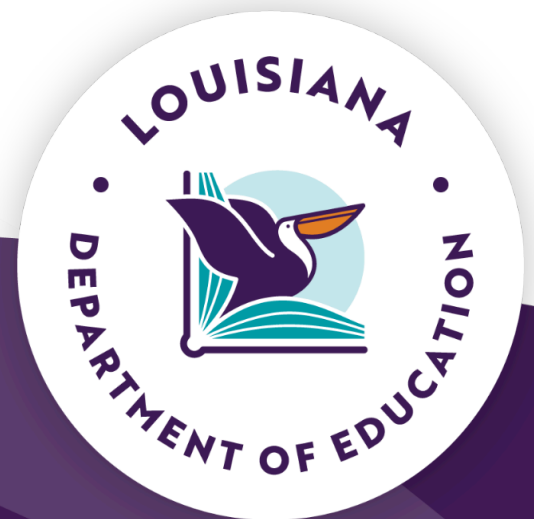
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-3106-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-37**

ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT’S MOTION TO DISMISS

a. Background

On February 3, 2026, a due process hearing was held under Docket Number 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA regarding Parent on behalf of Minor’s claim that School District violated provisions of the Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) relative to a gifted and talented screening of Minor and completion of a gifted and talented evaluation of Minor.² Parent also alleged that School District denied Minor FAPE³ and violated its child find obligations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA). Parent disputed Minor’s gifted and talented screening results and requested an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE).

In response, School District filed a *Partial Motion to Dismiss and, in the alternative, Motion to Strike IDEA-based Theories and Remedies* and *Motion to Dismiss IEE Request as Premature*.

Parent and School District were given the opportunity to orally argue in support of their positions prior to the due process hearing. The tribunal deferred ruling on School District’s motion and will address same in the final *Decision and Order*.

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² LAC 28:CI.901 and LAC 28:CI.903.

³ FAPE is free appropriate public education.

b. Parent's Due Process Hearing Request under Docket Number 2026-3106-DOE-IDEA

i. Procedural History

Prior to the due process hearing on February 3, 2026, for Docket Number 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA, on January 28, 2026, Parent filed another due process hearing request with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). On January 29, 2026, the LDOE forwarded Parent's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's due process hearing request filed January 28, 2026, Parent again alleges that School District denied Minor FAPE and violated its child find obligations under the IDEA and seeks compensatory time. Parent identifies Minor's exceptionality as "gifted and talented" on the due process complaint and attaches, as support for his claim, School District's proposed exhibits for the due process hearing under Docket Number 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA.

ii. School District's Motion to Dismiss

On February 9, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* arguing that Parent's complaint (1) fails to satisfy the mandatory content requirements set forth in 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) §300.508(b), (2) is duplicative of a prior due process complaint asserting the same or substantially similar claims, and (3) fails to state a cognizable claim under IDEA as Minor has not been identified as a child with a disability and academic underperformance alone does not trigger child find obligations or support a claim for denial of FAPE. School District contends that the due process hearing held on February 3, 2026, addressed the same core allegations reasserted in Parent's due process hearing request filed on January 28, 2026.

On February 9, 2026, Parent filed a *Motion to Strike Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and Line-by-Line Rebuttal of Respondent's Motion to Dismiss*. Parent argues that a due process

complaint may be filed at “any time” when there is a belief that a violation of the IDEA has occurred.

iii. *Ruling on School District’s Motion to Dismiss*

Parent’s argument that he is entitled to file a due process complaint in accordance with 34 C.F.R. § 300.507(a) is misplaced. A due process complaint may be filed on *any of the matters* relating to the identification, evaluation or educational placement of a child with a disability, or the provision of FAPE to the child.⁴ However, the “hearing officer cannot be a roving dispute resolution mechanism for *any* complaint of a student with a disability; when the issue is not tied to the student’s disability under the IDEA or other special education legislation or regulation, any such resolution is *ultra vires*.”⁵

In this case, Parent’s motion and rebuttal do not identify how the due process complaint under Docket Number 2026-3106-DOE-IDEA is factually distinct from the arguments made in the matter under Docket Number 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA. Parent identifies Minor’s exceptionality as “gifted and talented,” which is the same allegation made under Docket Number 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA. The due process complaint filed under Docket Number 2026-3106-DOE-IDEA is duplicative of the prior complaint filed and currently pending under Docket Number 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA. As such, School District’s *Motion to Dismiss* is granted, and Parent’s request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**.

⁴ 34 C.F.R. § 300.507(a) (2025) (Emphasis added). *See also* Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.507.A.1.

⁵ *Bristol Borough Sch. Dist.*, 40 IDELR 227 (SEA PA 2004) (Emphasis added).

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent on behalf of Minor's due process hearing in its entirety is **GRANTED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on March 20, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, March 23, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

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Minor	Adli Harris Zaghia
School District	Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orleans
School District Representative	Faith Moses

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I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss** in **Docket No. 2026-3106-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on March 23, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-3115-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-38**

CONFERENCE REPORT AND ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On January 30, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education received a written request for a due process hearing from Parents on behalf of Minor. A telephone prehearing conference was held February 18, 2026, before Administrative Law Judge Adaora Chukudebelu with the Division of Administrative Law (DAL). Participating in the conference was Parris A. Taylor, Counsel for School District; Parents did not appear for the conference.

At the conference, Mr. Taylor stated that School District provided him with documentation from Parent-N indicating that the issues contained in the written request for a due process hearing have been resolved. Upon notifying Mr. Taylor that DAL did not receive the documentation from Parent-N, he stated that he will forward same to DAL. After the conference Mr. Taylor forwarded the letter from Parent-N to DAL, which reflects Parent-N's voluntary withdrawal of the written request for a due process hearing.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the adjudication in the above entitled and numbered case is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on February 18, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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I certify that on Wednesday, February 18, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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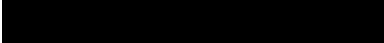
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Adaora Chukudebelu
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Legend

Parents	
Parent -N	
Minor	
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School District Representative	Kerri Soo

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I certify that the attached **Conference Report and Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-3115-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on February 18, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-3349-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-40**

ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On February 2, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On February 4, 2026, the LDOE forwarded Parent's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL). Parent's filing on February 2, 2026, is the fourth due process hearing complaint filed on behalf of Minor.²

On February 11, 2026, School District file a *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's complaint on the grounds that the due process hearing was duplicative of the first complaint filed by Parent, as the issues related back to the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that is the basis for Parent's first due process hearing complaint. Parent did not file an opposition to the *Motion to Dismiss*.³ A review of Parent's fourth due process hearing request shows that the claims made are identical to the violations previously alleged in Parent's first due process hearing complaint, docketed as 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA, and are not new and distinct violations. School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's fourth due process hearing complaint is granted.

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² Parent's second and third due process hearing complaints were dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and because the filings were duplicative of Parent's first due process hearing complaint

³ Parent filed a *Motion to Expose [School District's] Misrepresentations of Law and Request for Sanctions*.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint in its entirety is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 21, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

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Stephanie E. Robin

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss** in **Docket No. 2026-3349-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on April 22, 2026.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2026-4113-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

* AGENCY ID. 56-H-41

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On March 24, 2026, Parent, through counsel, Sara Godchaux, withdrew her request for a due process hearing, on the basis the parties had mediated a settlement.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *School District in the Matter of Parent on Behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2026-4113-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone status conference scheduled for March 25, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on March 24, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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I certify that on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

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William H. Cooper
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School

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I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-4113-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on March 25, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-4247-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-42**

ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On February 2, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On February 11, 2026, the LDOE forwarded Parent's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL). Parent's filing on February 2, 2026, is the fifth due process hearing complaint filed on behalf of Minor.²

On February 18, 2026, School District file a *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's complaint on the grounds that the due process hearing was duplicative of the first complaint filed by Parent as the issues related back to the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) that is the basis for Parent's first due process hearing complaint. Parent filed an opposition to the *Motion to Dismiss* arguing that there is no legal authority for a complaint to be dismissed as duplicative and that his fifth due process hearing complaint raises new issues regarding School District's alleged violations of the IDEA.³ Parent additionally opposes consolidation of the matters, arguing that consolidation would undermine the IDEA's requirement of expeditious resolution. A review of Parent's fifth due process hearing request shows that the claims made are identical to the violations previously alleged in Parent's first due process hearing complaint, docketed as 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA,

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² Parent's second, third, and fourth due process hearing complaints were dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and because the filings were duplicative complaints of the first due process hearing complaint Parent filed.

³ IDEA stands for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

and are not new and distinct violations. School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's fifth due process hearing complaint is granted.⁴

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint in its entirety is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 21, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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Stephanie E. Robin

Administrative Law Judge

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REVIEW RIGHTS

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⁴ Parent also filed a *Motion to Compel Hearing Officer to Schedule Pre-hearing Conference and Proceed to Due Process Hearing*. Because School District's *Motion to Dismiss* is granted dismissing the matter in its entirety, Parent's motion is moot.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

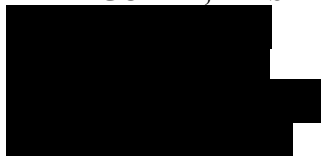
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-4249-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-44**

ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On February 6, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). On February 11, 2026, the LDOE forwarded Parent's due process hearing request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).² Since February 2, 2026, Parent has filed five due process hearing requests with LDOE. In addition to the current matter, which is hereinafter referred to as *Minor Action 7*, Parent has seven other due process hearing requests regarding Minor pending before the tribunal. The other matters are docketed as follows: 2025-21905-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 1*); 2026-1854-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 3*); 2025-3349-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 4*); 2026-4247-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 5*); 2026-4248-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 6*); and 2026-4250-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 8*).³

The basis of Parent's due process hearing request in *Minor Action 7* is that Minor was assigned a lunch detention for the alleged use of inappropriate language during class on February 4, 2026. Parent alleges that School District committed violations against Minor in its (1) failure to conduct a manifestation determination review; (2) failure to implement positive behavioral interventions; (3) failure to follow Minor's behavior intervention plan; and (4) denial of a free

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² In total, Parent has filed eight due process hearing requests on behalf of Minor alleging various violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, and the Americans with Disabilities Act.

³ 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 2*) was dismissed on January 16, 2026, in *Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss Due Process Complaint [Minor Action 2] (56-H-27) as Duplicative*.

appropriate public education (FAPE) through a pattern of non-compliance. Parent further alleges that School District engaged in discriminatory conduct against Minor through (1) disparate treatment; (2) retaliatory conduct; (3) intentional infliction of emotional distress; and (4) constructive denial of education. Parent does not allege any specific facts or cite any legal authority that provides the tribunal with jurisdiction over these claims. Rather, Parent makes generic statements regarding the alleged claims, as described above.

On February 18, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* on the grounds that Parent's due process hearing request does not state a cause of action for which this tribunal has jurisdiction.⁴ Parent filed an *Opposition to Respondent's Motion to Dismiss and Motion to Strike Unauthorized Filing*.⁵

A due process complaint may be filed on *any of the matters* relating to the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of a child with a disability or to the provision of FAPE to the child.⁶ However, the "hearing officer cannot be a roving dispute resolution mechanism for *any* complaint of a student with a disability; when the issue is not tied to the student's disability under the IDEA or other special education legislation or regulation, any such resolution is *ultra vires*."⁷

a. Violation 1: Failure to conduct a manifestation determination review.

School personnel may remove a child with a disability who violates a code of student conduct from his current placement to an appropriate interim alternative educational setting,

⁴ On February 12, 2026, School District also filed a *Motion to Stay all Proceedings and Deadlines and Request for Emergency Status Conference* regarding the other four due process hearing requests filed by Parent since February 2, 2026. In response, Parent filed an opposition. Because School District's *Motion to Dismiss* is granted, School District's *Motion to Stay* is moot and will not need be addressed in this *Order*.

⁵ Parent's *Motion to Strike Unauthorized Filing* relates only to School District's *Motion to Stay*. Because School District's *Motion to Stay* is now moot, it is not necessary to address Parent's *Motion to Strike*.

⁶ 34 C.F.R. § 300.507(a) (2025) (Emphasis added). See also Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:XLIII.507.A.1.

⁷ *Bristol Borough Sch. Dist.*, 40 IDELR 227 (SEA PA 2004) (Emphasis added).

another setting, or suspension for not more than 10 consecutive school days (to the extent those alternatives are applied to students without disabilities).⁸

In this case, Parent's due process hearing request does not demonstrate that the imposition of a lunch detention constitutes a change in Minor's placement. For this reason, Parent's due process hearing does not show that the tribunal has subject matter jurisdiction over the discipline imposed by School District.

b. Violations 2 and 3: Failure to implement positive behavioral interventions and failure to follow Minor's behavior intervention plan.

In *Minor Action 1*, Parent alleged violations of the IDEA with regard to the development and implementation of Minor's October 31, 2025, Individualized Education Plan (IEP). Parent also asserted claims of retaliation and discrimination under Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973.⁹ The IEP in question does not indicate that Minor has behavioral needs and/or that he has a behavior intervention plan in place. The current due process hearing request, *Minor Action 7*, does not give specific facts that would support a finding that the tribunal has jurisdiction over School District's failure to implement positive behavioral interventions when there is no indication that Minor's behavior is related to his disability. For these reasons, Parent's due process hearing does not show that the tribunal has subject matter jurisdiction over the alleged failures by School District regarding Minor's behavior.

c. Violation 4: Denial of FAPE through a pattern of non-compliance.

Parent alleges that School District's discipline of Minor without considering his disability-related needs has created a hostile education environment. Parent identifies no specific facts relative to this claim. The due process hearing under IDEA is not meant to be used as

⁸ 34 C.F.R. § 300.530(b)(1) (2025) and LAC 28:XLIII.530.B.1.

⁹ Parent's claims of retaliation and discrimination were dismissed on January 15, 2026, in an *Order on School District's Motion to Dismiss Non-IDEA Claims for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction and to Strike Improper Requests for Relief*.

vehicle for possible violations. Parent's due process hearing request must allege violations that are founded in fact rather than a generalized cause of action. For this reason, Parent's due process complaint does not show that the tribunal has subject matter jurisdiction over the alleged hostile education environment created by School District against Minor.

Conclusion

Because Parent's due process hearing request fails to show that the tribunal has subject matter jurisdiction over the alleged violations, School District's *Motion to Dismiss* is granted. Parent's due process complaint is dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint in its entirety is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on March 24, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, March 25, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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REVIEW RIGHTS

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LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

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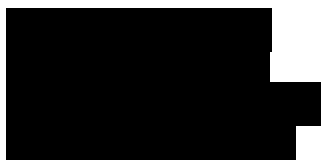
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I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss** in **Docket No. 2026-4249-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on March 25, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-4250-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-45**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On February 6, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On February 11, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-4250-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 29, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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² School District filed a *Motion to Stay* and a *Motion to Dismiss* the above-captioned matter. Parent also filed a *Motion to Compel*. Because this *Order Terminating Adjudication* dismisses the matter in its entirety, it is not necessary to address School District's or Parent's motions.

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

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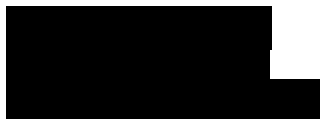
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I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-4250-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 29, 2026.

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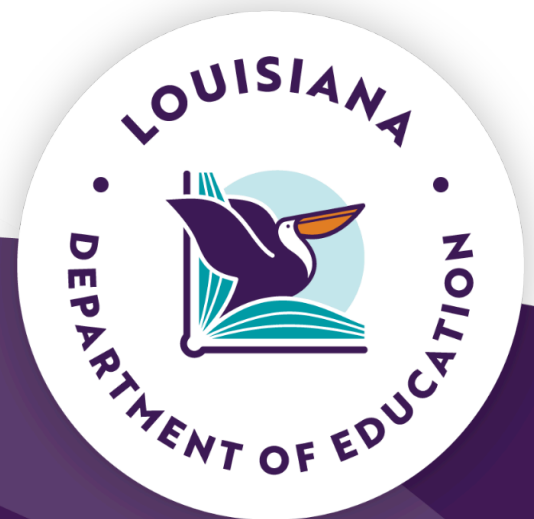
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-5870-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-48-E**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On March 2, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for an expedited due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. LDOE forwarded the request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL) on March 3, 2026. An expedited hearing is scheduled for March 26, 27, and 30, 2026.

On March 12, 2026, Wayne T. Stewart, counsel for School District, appeared for an initial telephone prehearing conference. Parent on behalf of Minor did not appear for the March 12, 2026, telephone prehearing conference. Mr. Stewart reported that School District and Parent held a resolution meeting, and on March 11, 2026, Parent signed a Resolution Agreement in full settlement of all issues raised in the request for an expedited due process hearing that included an agreement that Parent shall file into the DAL record within two business days, or by March 13, 2026, a withdrawal of their request for an expedited due process hearing (appeal) with prejudice. Mr. Stewart filed with the DAL a copy of the meeting verification form that the parties submitted to LDOE stating the resolution meeting was held on March 9, 2026, and the parties reached a full resolution during the resolution period.

Because Parent had not filed the request to withdraw their appeal by March 13, 2026, a telephone status conference was scheduled for March 19, 2026. Parent did not appear for the

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March 19, 2026, telephone status conference. Mr. Stewart participated as counsel for School District. Mr. Stewart reported that on March 17, 2026, School District's Special Education Director for Assessment and Compliance and Parent exchanged communications wherein Parent confirmed she would file the withdrawal on March 17, 2026. At the request of this tribunal, School District filed with the DAL a copy of the correspondence exchanged between School District's Special Education Director for Assessment and Compliance and Parent documenting Parent's intent to file the withdrawal on March 17, 2026. The emails indicated that Parent may have filed or would be filing the withdrawal with LDOE based on an LDOE link inadvertently provided in the emails by School District. DAL had not received a withdrawal filed by Parent with the LDOE. To assist Parent, DAL provided Parent with DAL's email link and Parent reported she would file the withdrawal with DAL on March 20, 2026. Parent next reported that the link was not working and a corrected link was provided to Parent.

For judicial efficiency and based on Parent and School District's fully executed Resolution Agreement that includes Parent's obligation to file a withdrawal, School District filed a *Motion to Terminate Adjudication*. Included with the motion is a copy of the signed Resolution Agreement, evidencing a full resolution of the issues on appeal and including Parent's obligation to withdraw the request for an expedited due process hearing. Before issuing an order granting School District's motion, Parent on behalf of Minor successfully filed with the DAL a *Withdrawal of Hearing Request*.²

² Parent's filing of the *Withdrawal of Hearing Request* rendered a ruling on School District's motion moot.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's *Withdrawal of Hearing Request* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's request for an expedited due process hearing, bearing docket number *2026-5870-DOE-IDEA*, is dismissed and **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the expedited due process hearing scheduled for March 26, 27, and 30, 2026, is **CANCELLED**.

Rendered and signed on March 20, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, March 23, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

Esther A. Redmann

Esther A. Redmann
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

Legend

Parents



Minor



School District

Lafayette Parish School System

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Devin Soeseno, Special Education Director

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-5870-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on March 23, 2026.

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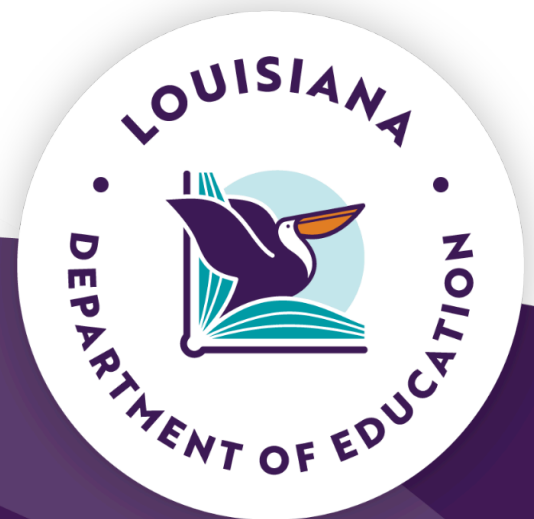
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-5889-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-49**

**ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS AND
TERMINATING ADJUDICATION**

On March 3, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor, as a self-represented litigant, filed a *Request for Special Education Due Process Hearing*. On May 21, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* or, in the alternative, a *Motion for Summary Disposition*. Parent filed an opposition to School District's motion on May 25, 2026. On May 25, 2026, Parent, through newly retained counsel, Kimona Hogan, filed a *Motion for Leave to Amend Due Process Hearing Request*. On May 27, 2026, School District filed an opposition to Parent's motion.

A telephone hearing on School District's and Parent's motions was held on May 28, 2026, before Administrative Law Judge Anthony J. Russo. Neshira Millender appeared as counsel for School District. Parent appeared with her counsel, Kimona Hogan.

Counsel for Parent and counsel for School District made oral arguments to supplement those contained in their respective memoranda filed with the above-referenced motions. Considering the respective motions, oppositions, and arguments of counsel, School District's *Motion to Dismiss* or, in the alternative, *Motion for Summary Disposition*, is granted. Parent's *Motion to Amend* is denied as moot.

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I. School District's *Motion to Dismiss* or, in the alternative, *Motion for Summary Disposition*

In Parent's due process hearing request, Parent asserted several violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) by School District. In Parent's due process hearing request, five specific requests for relief or proposed resolutions were made. The five requested or proposed resolutions were: a) create a designated space within the classroom that allows Minor to move safely and independently; b) teach and support Minor in sitting at his desk appropriately, with School District staff providing assistance as needed and allowing breaks between instructional periods; c) provide consistent sensory tool and supports throughout the day to help Minor regulate and remain engaged; d) implement regular walking breaks, both inside and outside the classroom, as part of Minor's daily routine and in alignment with Minor's Individualized Education Program (IEP) accommodations; and e) ensure that less restrictive interventions are used consistently and that confinement or restraint to a chair is not used as a default practice.

Parent and School District advised that a resolution meeting took place on March 25, 2026, and School District agreed to provide services and accommodations to satisfy all requests for relief made in Parent's due process hearing request. Parent and School District advised that the services and accommodations were incorporated into Minor's IEP at a meeting held on April 16, 2026. Parent and School District indicated that a settlement agreement was exchanged between the parties reflecting the terms set forth above.

At the hearing, Parent agreed that School District had agreed to and incorporated into Minor's IEP all items of relief Parent requested in her due process hearing request but Parent did not sign the settlement agreement because there was no agreement as to how the services were to be implemented by School District due to a potential change in Minor's placement.,

School District argued that the implementation of services, or failure to implement services, was not an alleged violation within Parent's due process hearing request. School District argued that, although the accommodations and services were incorporated into Minor's IEP, the school year has concluded and the issue of implementation of those services is premature, as there have been no discussions between the parties regarding that issue, since it post-dated the agreement reached between the parties.

Parent argued that implementation of the services was implied in the agreement and that, although not specifically raised in Parent's due process hearing request, an amended due process hearing request would be filed to address the issue.

School District contended that the parties have reached an agreement as to all the "live" issues contained in Parent's due process hearing request and that there are no disputed issues for this tribunal to consider in that request. The undersigned agrees with School District's position.

Louisiana Bulletin 1706 Section 510(D) provides for situations where the parties reach an agreement to the dispute contained in a due process hearing request at the resolution meeting. The provision provides that if such an agreement is reached, then the parties shall execute a legally binding agreement that is to be signed by Parent and the Local Education Agency (LEA) which is legally enforceable in any state.

There is no dispute that School District agreed to provide all relief requested by Parent in the due process hearing request. Parent indicated as such at the hearing. The parties agreed that a new issue has arisen since the agreement was reached – implementation of the agreed-to services due to a potential change in placement. This is clearly an issue outside the four corners of the due process hearing request before this tribunal. That issue can be asserted in another due process hearing request. School District has not had an opportunity to implement the agreed

upon services due to the school year concluding. IF School District fails to implement the services appropriately, then Parent would have a right to file a due process hearing; however, that issue is premature and not currently before this tribunal. All issues and alleged violations of IDEA contained in Parent's due process hearing request have been resolved and agreed upon by the parties. There are no issues ripe for this tribunal's determination. Parent's due process hearing request is dismissed, and the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.

II. Parent's Motion for Leave to Amend Due Process Hearing Request

Parent's *Motion for Leave to Amend Due Process Hearing Request* is denied as moot. Any alleged violations by School District that Parent wishes to assert that are outside the scope of the due process hearing request filed on March 3, 2026, can be brought in a new due process hearing request.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's Motion to Dismiss is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2026-5889-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's *Motion for Leave to Amend Due Process Hearing Request* is **DENIED**.

Rendered and signed on June 1, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Anthony J. Russo

Anthony J. Russo
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, June 03, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

LEGEND

Parent	
Minor	
School District	Helix Community School District
School	Baker High School
School District Representative	Tiffany Burney

REVIEW RIGHTS

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss and Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-5889-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on June 3, 2026.

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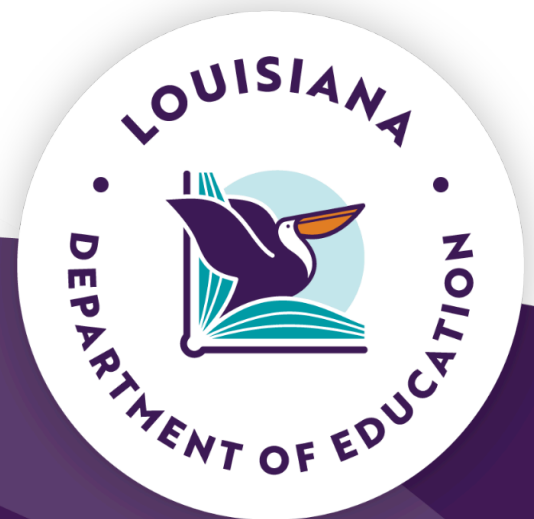
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2026-6125-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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INDIVIDUAL ON BEHALF OF MINOR * AGENCY ID. 56-H-50

**ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S PEREMPTORY EXCEPTION OF
NO RIGHT OF ACTION AND PEREMPTORY EXCEPTION OF
LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION**

On March 3, 2026, Individual filed a request for a due process hearing with the Louisiana Department of Education on behalf of Minor.

On March 5, 2026, School District, through its counsel of record, Wayne T. Stewart filed a *Peremptory Exception of No Right of Action and Peremptory Exception of Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction*. School District contends Individual does not have a right of action to request a due process hearing on behalf of Minor because Individual is not the Minor's parent, legal guardian, or legal representative. School District asserts that the Division of Administrative Law does not have jurisdiction to determine the violations alleged by Individual because they are outside the scope of an Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) due process hearing. School District's *Peremptory Exception of No Right of Action* and *Peremptory Exception of Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction* are granted.

Peremptory Exception of No Right of Action

School District's *Peremptory Exception of No Right of Action* is granted because Individual does not have standing to file a request for a due process hearing on behalf of Minor.

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The exception of no right of action questions a person's standing or interest to bring a lawsuit.²

The concept of standing "raises the issue of whether the plaintiff belongs to a particular class for which the law grants a remedy for a particular grievance or whether the plaintiff has an interest in judicially enforcing the right asserted."³

Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 507(A)(1) provides a parent or a public agency with the right to file a due process complaint.⁴ Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 905 defines a parent as:

- (1) A biological or adoptive parent of a child;
- (2) A foster parent, unless State law, regulations, or contractual obligations with a State or local entity prohibit a foster parent from acting as a parent;
- (3) A guardian generally authorized to act as the child's parent, or authorized to make educational decisions for the child (but not the State if the child is a ward of the State);
- (4) An individual acting in the place of a biological or adoptive parent (including a grandparent, stepparent, or other relative) with whom the child lives, or an individual who is legally responsible for the child's welfare; or
- (5) A surrogate parent who has been appointed in accordance with § 300.519 or section 639(a)(5) of the Act.⁵

Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 905 defines a public agency as including State Educational Agencies (SEA), Local Educational Agencies (LEA), Educational Service Agencies (ESA), nonprofit public charter schools that are not otherwise included as LEAs or ESAs and are not a school of an LEA or ESA, and any other political subdivisions of the State that are responsible for providing education to children with disabilities.⁶

In Individual's request for a due process hearing, Individual listed her relationship to Minor as special education teacher. Individual does not meet the definition of either a parent or public agency. Accordingly, Individual does not have a right to file a due process claim on

² Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure art. 927(A)(6).

³ *Mouton v. Dep't of Wildlife & Fisheries for State of La.*, 95-0101 (La. App. 1 Cir. 6/23/95), 657 So. 2d 622, 626, writ denied, 95-2161 (La. 11/17/95), 663 So. 2d 710.

⁴ See also 34 Code of Federal Regulations (C.F.R.) § 300.507(a).

⁵ See also 34 C.F.R. § 300.30(a)

⁶ See also 34 C.F.R. § 300.33.

behalf of Minor. School District's *Peremptory Exception of No Right of Action* is granted, Individual's request for a due process hearing is dismissed, and the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.

Peremptory Exception of Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction

School District's *Peremptory Exception of Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction* is granted because Individual's request for a due process hearing is not related to IDEA. Individual's complaints are as follows:

1. Retaliation against a student and teach for reporting the bullying of a student (Minor) by a paraprofessional.
2. Violations of Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S.) 42:1169 (Whistleblower Protection for Public Employees).
3. Violations related to mandated student-teacher ratios in self-contained special education classrooms.
4. Failure to follow bullying investigation procedures.

La. R.S. 49:992(D)(2)(b)(vii) grants an administrative law judge who has received training on the federal and state statutes and regulations with respect to children with disabilities and on educational placements in Louisiana's school systems with jurisdiction to conduct IDEA hearings. Louisiana Bulletin 1706 § 507(A)(1) permits a parent or public agency to file a due process complaint related to the identification, evaluation or educational placement of a child with a disability, or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to a child.⁷ None of the issues raised by Individual relate toto the identification, evaluation or educational placement, or provision of FAPE to Minor. Consequently, the undersigned does not have jurisdiction to conduct a hearing on the issues raised by Individual because they do not fall under IDEA. School District's *Peremptory Exception of Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction* is granted, Individual's request for a due process hearing is dismissed, and the above-captioned adjudication

⁷ See also 34 C.F.R. § 300.507(a).

is terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Peremptory Exception of No Right of Action* and District's *Peremptory Exception of Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction* are **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Individual's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone status conference scheduled for March 23, 2026, at 2:00 p.m., is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on March 9, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

Legend

Individual: [REDACTED]

Minor: [REDACTED]

School District: West Baton Rouge Parish Schools

School District Representative: Hope Supple

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Peremptory Exception of No Right of Action and Peremptory Exception of Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction** in **Docket No. 2026-6125-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on March 10, 2026.

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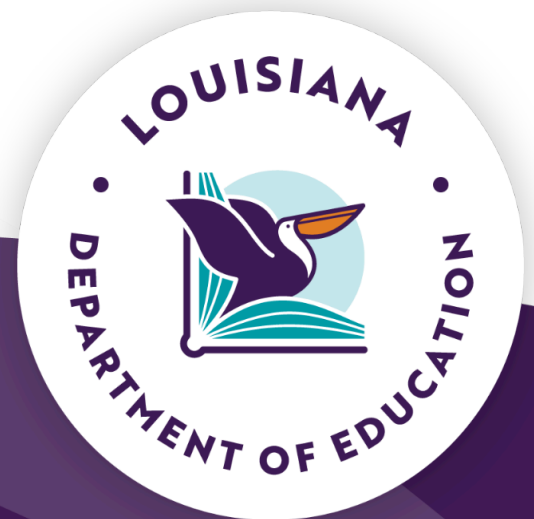
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-6216-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-51**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR

Parent on behalf of Minor requested a due process hearing to challenge School District's actions alleged to be in violation of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. The hearing was scheduled for June 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The hearing notice issued May 20, 2026, notified Parent of the date, time, and location the hearing would be held. Notice was both mailed to Parent at Parent's last known address and emailed to Parent's last known email address. Additionally, Parent appeared during a conference held on May 14, 2026, wherein the hearing date, time, and location were agreed upon and scheduled.

The administrative law judge waited an additional 15 minutes to allow Parent an opportunity to appear for the hearing. Parent failed to appear for the hearing. By failing to appear, Parent waived the right to a hearing within the meaning of Louisiana Revised Statutes 49:975(A), Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 1:III.725.B, and LAC 28:XLIII.511.A. As a result, Parent on behalf of Minor's hearing request is dismissed, and the adjudication are terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication under docket number 2026-6216-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on June 22, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



William H. Cooper
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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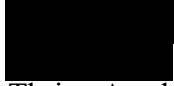
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REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

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I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication for Failure to Appear** in **Docket No. 2026-6216-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on June 23, 2026.

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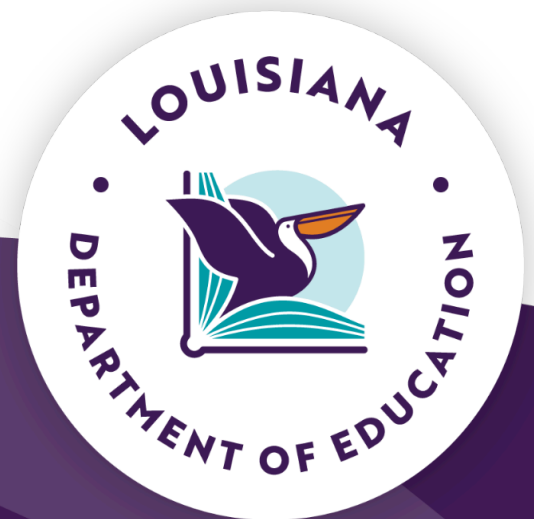
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-7072-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF CHILD

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-52-E**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 1, 2026, Parent on behalf of Child withdrew her request for a due process hearing. Parent's request is granted. The rule to show cause hearing scheduled for April 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. is canceled.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *School District in the matter of Parent on behalf of Child*, bearing docket number 2026-7072-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the rule to show cause hearing scheduled for April 13, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on April 8, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, April 08, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Tameka Johnson-Moore
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Legend

Parent



Child



School District

Ascension Parish School Board

School District Representative

Jennifer Vicknair

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹	*	DOCKET NO. 2026-7636-DOE-IDEA
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IN THE MATTER OF	*	
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PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR	*	AGENCY ID. 56-H-53-E

**CONFERENCE REPORT AND
ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION**

An in-person hearing is scheduled for April 15, 2026, at 9:00 AM. A telephone status conference was conducted on April 9, 2026, at 11:00 AM. Present for the conference were Parent on behalf of Minor; Wayne Stewart, School District’s legal counsel; and School District representative. During the conference, the Tribunal requested that Mr. Stewart enroll as counsel.

On April 8, 2026, the Division of Administrative Law received Parent’s written statement withdrawing her due process hearing request.² During the April 9, 2026, conference, the parties stated that they held a resolution meeting and agreed to conduct a new manifestation determination review (MDR) on April 14, 2026. Parent withdrew her due process hearing request during the conference. Mr. Stewart stated that the parties discussed Parent’s due process hearing request being withdrawn without prejudice pending the outcome of the April 14, 2026, MDR. Mr. Stewart also stated School District would issue a decision after the April 14, 2026, MDR, which would give Parent the right to request a due process hearing on that MDR decision.

Because Parent withdrew her due process hearing request, the above-entitled matter is terminated, and the hearing scheduled for April 15, 2026, at 9:00 AM is canceled.

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² Also on April 8, 2026, Parent filed a request to continue the hearing scheduled for April 15, 2026. Because Parent withdrew her due process hearing request, her request to continue the hearing is moot.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the above entitled and numbered case is terminated.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the hearing scheduled for April 15, 2026, at 9:00 AM is canceled.

Rendered and signed on April 9, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, April 10, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Lynette Roberson
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Minor



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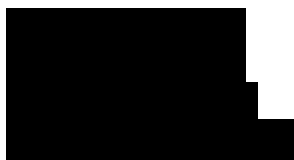
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-8080-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-54

**CONFERENCE REPORT AND ORDER DISMISSING PARENT ON BEHALF OF
MINOR'S DUE PROCESS HEARING REQUEST**

On March 23, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). On March 24, 2026, LDOE forwarded Parent's due process hearing request to the Division of Administrative Law.

Procedural History

On November 26, 2026, Parent filed a due process hearing request with LDOE, which was forwarded to the DAL on December 1, 2025, and docketed as 2025-23259-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 1*). On December 3, 2025, Parent filed another due process hearing request with LDOE, which was forwarded to the DAL on December 4, 2025, and docketed as 2025-23509-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 2*). On January 28, 2026, Parent filed a third due process hearing request with LDOE, which was forwarded to the DAL on January 29, 2026, and docketed as 2026-3106-DOE-IDEA (*Minor Action 3*). The above-captioned matter was filed with LDOE on March 23, 2026, and forwarded to the DAL on March 24, 2026 (*Minor Action 4*).

Parent withdrew his due process hearing request in *Minor Action 1*, and the matter was dismissed on December 22, 2025. An in-person due process hearing was held on February 3, 2026, regarding the alleged violations asserted in *Minor Action 2*, and a decision in *Minor Action 2* is currently pending. The tribunal dismissed Parent's due process hearing request in *Minor*

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Action 3 on March 23, 2026, in an *Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss*, holding that the alleged violations of School District asserted in *Minor Action 3* were duplicative of the allegations asserted in *Minor Action 2*.

A review of the alleged violations by School District asserted by Parent in *Minor Action 4* appear to be identical to the alleged violations asserted in *Minor Action 3*.

A telephone conference was held on April 2, 2026, before Administrative Law Judge Stephanie E. Robin. Present for the conference was Parent. School District's counsel was notified of the conference at her last known email address, but she did not call in to participate in the conference.

The purpose of the conference was to discuss Parent's alleged violations by School District as asserted in *Minor Action 4*. During the conference, Parent stated that he does not believe the tribunal has authority to dismiss a complaint as duplicative in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and that he would continue to file due process hearing requests. The tribunal noted that the only new language in *Minor Action 4* is Parent's argument regarding the tribunal's authority to dismiss his due process hearing request in *Minor Action 3*. The tribunal further noted that School District cannot remedy that allegation and encouraged Parent to seek an appeal of the tribunal's order in a court of competent jurisdiction.

The tribunal notices that the alleged violations by School District raised by Parent in *Minor Action 4* are identical to those raised by Parent in *Minor Action 3*, which was previously dismissed as duplicative of *Minor Action 2*.² School District also filed a *Motion to Dismiss* arguing that the instant matter is duplicative of the claims made in *Minor Action 3*.³

² *Minor Action 2* was adjudicated in a due process hearing held on February 3, 2026.

³ Parent filed an *Opposition to [School District's] Motion to Dismiss, Counterclaim for Attorney Fees, and Motion for Sanctions for Failure to Timely Respond*.

Because Parent's alleged violations in *Minor Action 4* are identical to those previously raised in *Minor Action 3*, Parent's due process hearing request in *Minor Action 4* is dismissed.⁴

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED** in its entirety, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 23, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

⁴ School District also filed a *Motion to Extend Deadline for Due Process Hearing Response*. Parent filed an *Opposition to [School District's] Motion to Accept Untimely Response to Due Process Complaint*, and a *Motion for Summary Judgment*. Because the tribunal is dismissing the matter as duplicative of two prior due process hearing requests initiated by Parent, it is not necessary to rule on the motions filed by School District and Parent as they are moot.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



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School District Representative

Faith Moses

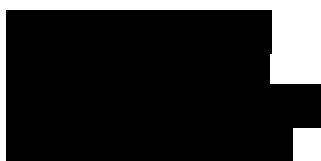
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Conference Report and Order Dismissing Parent on Behalf of Minor's Due Process Hearing Request** in **Docket No. 2026-8080-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on April 28, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-8081-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-55-E**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 15, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor withdrew their request for an expedited due process hearing.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's request for an expedited due process hearing bearing docket number *2026-8081-DOE-IDEA* is **DISMISSED** and **TERMINATED**.

IT IS ORDERED that the expedited due process hearing scheduled for April 20 - 22, 2026, is **CANCELLED**.

Rendered and signed on April 16, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Thursday, April 16, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

Esther A. Redmann

Esther A. Redmann

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Parent



Minor



School District

St. Bernard Parish Public Schools

School District Representative

Joseph Cipollone, Special Education Director

School

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-8081-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on April 16, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-8173-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-57**

**ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION FOR
LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION**

On March 24, 2026, Parent filed a due process hearing request on behalf of Minor, alleging that School District violated the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)² by failing to provide Parent specified educational records. Parent specified in her hearing request, using emphasized typeface, that the request specifically concerns violations of FERPA. Parent referenced a previously filed due process hearing request alleging violations of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).³ She stated that, in that matter, the Tribunal permitted her to amend her IDEA due process hearing request to include her education records allegations. Parent stated, again using emphasized typeface, that she intentionally did not amend her IDEA-related due process hearing request and filed a separate due process hearing request for the FERPA-related violations.

Parent's due process hearing request in the above-entitled matter is outside the jurisdiction of the Division of Administrative Law (DAL). The DAL has jurisdiction under the IDEA to hear due process issues with respect to matters relating to the identification, evaluation, or educational placement of a student with a disability (as defined by IDEA), or the provision of a free appropriate public education.⁴ Claims relevant to a student's education records under

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² See 20 U.S.C. §§1232g *et seq.*

³ See 20 U.S.C. §§ 1400 *et seq.*

FERPA are excluded from the claims that may be brought to the DAL through a request for a due process special education hearing under Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.507.A.

Because the claims in Parent's request for a due process hearing arise under FERPA, not IDEA, the tribunal does not have subject matter jurisdiction to hear Parent's request. Parent's request for a due process hearing is dismissed.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the due process hearing request filed on March 24, 2026, by Parent on behalf of Minor is **DISMISSED**, and all proceedings in 2026-8173-DOE-IDEA are **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on March 27, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Lynette Roberson
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

⁴ Louisiana Administrative Code (LAC) 28:XLIII.507 and 508.A.4.

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Parent



Minor



School District

East Baton Rouge Parish School System

School District Representative

Dr. Janet A. Harris

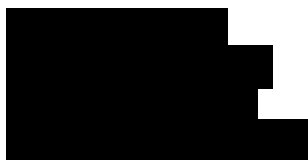
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I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication for Lack of Subject Matter Jurisdiction** in **Docket No. 2026-8173-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on March 31, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-8184-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-58**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On March 24, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On March 25, 2026, the LDOE forwarded Parent's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Administrative Law Judge Leighann N. Guilbeau conducted a telephone status conference on April 10, 2026. Parent appeared as a self-represented litigant. Ashley B. Jackson appeared as counsel for the School District. During the conference, Parent indicated the parties had resolved the issues in her due process complaint during the resolution meeting.

After the telephone status conference, Parent submitted a written statement to DAL requesting to withdraw her request for a due process hearing. The request is granted. Parent's request for a due process hearing is dismissed, and the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request to withdraw her request for a due process hearing is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication bearing docket number 2026-8184-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 10, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.



Leighann N. Guilbeau
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Monday, April 13, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

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Parent: [REDACTED]

Minor: [REDACTED]

School District: Discovery Schools

School District Representative: Stacey Stemke

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-8184-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on April 13, 2026.

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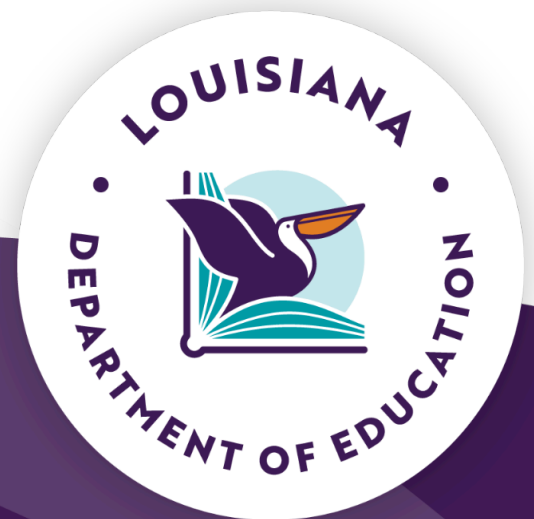
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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2026-8219-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

* AGENCY ID. 56-H-59

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 6, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor withdrew their request for a due process hearing. Parent's request is granted. The telephone status conference scheduled for April 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. is canceled.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *School District in the matter of Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2026-8219-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone status conference scheduled for April 8, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on April 8, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, April 08, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



William H. Cooper

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Parent



Minor



School District

Caddo Parish Public Schools

School District Representative

Keith Burton

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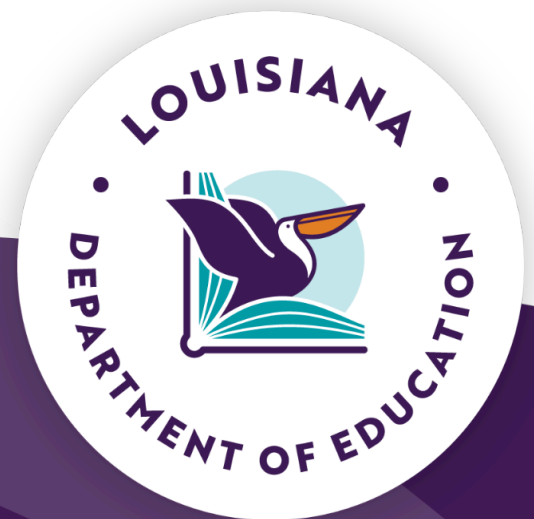
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-8344-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-60**

ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On March 25, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). On March 26, the LDOE forwarded Parent's due process hearing request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL). Parent's filing on March 25, 2026, is the tenth due process hearing complaint filed on behalf of Minor.²

In this case, the basis of Parent's tenth due process hearing request is the same issue identified in Parent's third due process hearing request regarding a one-day suspension of Minor.

On April 6, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* on the grounds that Parent's due process hearing request is duplicative of Parent's third due process hearing request, which was previously dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Parent filed an opposition to School District's *Motion to Dismiss*, arguing that dismissals for duplicative actions is not authorized under the IDEA³ and that the prior order of dismissal was procedurally defective and does not create a binding preclusion.

A review of Parent's tenth due process hearing request shows that the basis for the claims made in Parent's tenth due process hearing request are identical to the violations previously alleged in Parent's third due process hearing complaint, docketed as 2025-1854-DOE-IDEA, and

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² Parent's second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, and ninth due process hearing complaints were dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and/or because the filings were duplicative of prior due process complaints filed by Parent.

³ IDEA stands for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

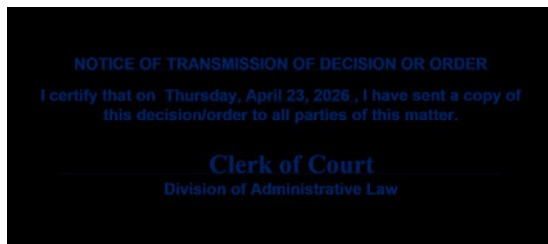
are not new and distinct violations. School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's tenth due process hearing complaint is granted.⁴

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint in its entirety is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 22, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

⁴ Parent also filed a *Motion for Summary Judgment* and reply memorandum arguing that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law due to School District's failure to file a response to his tenth due process hearing request. School District filed an opposition to Parent's *Motion for Summary Judgment*. Because this order dismisses the matter in its entirety, Parent's *Motion for Summary Judgment* is moot and need not be addressed.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss** in **Docket No. 2026-8344-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on April 23, 2026.

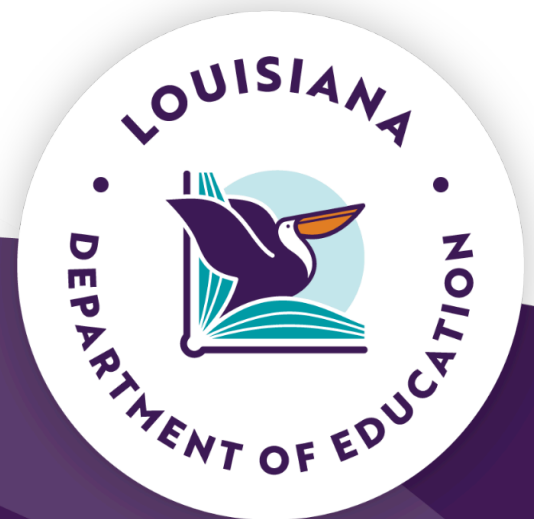
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-8190-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-61**

ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On March 25, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). On March 26, the LDOE forwarded Parent's due process hearing request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL). Parent's filing on March 25, 2026, is the ninth due process hearing complaint filed on behalf of Minor.²

In this case, the basis of Parent's ninth due process hearing request is the same issue identified in Parent's seventh due process hearing request regarding a lunch detention for Minor's alleged use of inappropriate language during class on February 4, 2026.

On April 6, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* on the grounds that Parent's due process hearing request is duplicative of Parent's seventh due process hearing request, which was previously dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction. Parent filed an opposition to School District's *Motion to Dismiss*, arguing that dismissals for duplicative actions is not authorized under the IDEA³ and that the prior order of dismissal was procedurally defective and does not create a binding preclusion.

A review of Parent's ninth due process hearing request shows that the basis for the claims made in Parent's ninth due process hearing request are identical to the violations previously

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² Parent's second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh due process hearing complaints were dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and/or because the filings were duplicative of Parent's first due process hearing complaint.

³ IDEA stands for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

alleged in Parent's seventh due process hearing complaint, docketed as 2025-4249-DOE-IDEA, and are not new and distinct violations. School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's ninth due process hearing complaint is granted.⁴

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint in its entirety is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 21, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court
Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

⁴ Parent also filed a *Motion for Summary Judgment* arguing that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law due to School District's failure to file a response to his ninth due process hearing request. School District filed an opposition to Parent's *Motion for Summary Judgment*. Because this order dismisses the matter in its entirety, Parent's *Motion for Summary Judgment* is moot and need not be addressed.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

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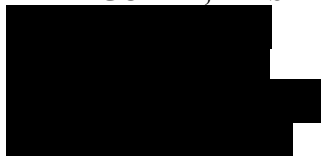
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss** in **Docket No. 2026-8190-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on April 22, 2026.

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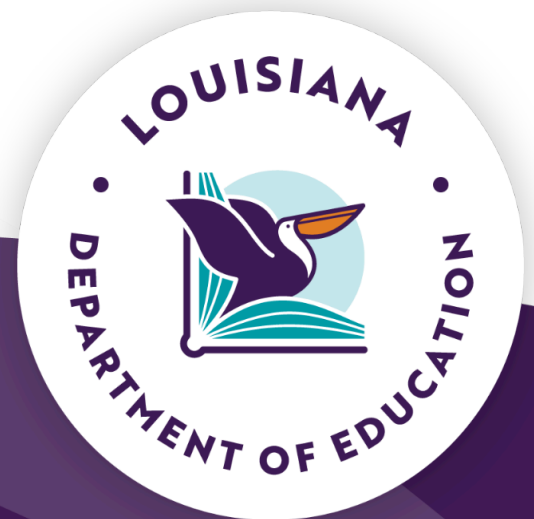
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-8456-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-62

ORDER GRANTING SCHOOL DISTRICT'S MOTION TO DISMISS

On March 25, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a due process hearing request with the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE). On March 26, 2026, the LDOE forwarded Parent's due process hearing request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL). Parent's filing on March 25, 2026, is the eleventh due process hearing complaint filed on behalf of Minor.²

In this case, the basis of Parent's eleventh due process hearing request is the same issue identified in Parent's second and sixth due process hearing requests regarding whether Minor's Individualized Education Plan provides for safe dismissal.

On April 6, 2026, School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* on the grounds that Parent's due process hearing request is duplicative of Parent's second due process hearing request, which was previously dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, and his sixth due process hearing request, which was duplicative of Parent's second due process hearing request. Parent filed an opposition to School District's *Motion to Dismiss*, arguing that dismissals for duplicative actions are not authorized under the IDEA³ and that the prior order of dismissal was procedurally defective and does not create a binding preclusion.

¹ Due to confidentiality requirements, all specific identifying information has been redacted from this order. See attached Legend for identifying information.

² Parent's second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, ninth, and tenth due process hearing complaints were dismissed for lack of subject matter jurisdiction and/or because the filings were duplicative of prior due process complaints filed by Parent.

³ IDEA stands for Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

A review of Parent's eleventh due process hearing request shows that the basis for the claim is duplicative of the violations previously alleged in Parent's second and sixth due process hearing complaints, docketed as 2025-24490-DOE-IDEA and 2026-4248-DOE-IDEA, respectively, and are not new and distinct violations. School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent's eleventh due process hearing complaint is granted.⁴

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's *Motion to Dismiss* Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint in its entirety is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's due process complaint is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 22, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Thursday, April 23, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This hearing decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

⁴ Parent also filed a *Motion for Summary Judgment* and reply memorandum arguing that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law due to School District's failure to file a response to his ninth due process hearing request. School District filed an opposition to Parent's *Motion for Summary Judgment*. Because this order dismisses the matter in its entirety, Parent's *Motion for Summary Judgment* is moot and need not be addressed.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

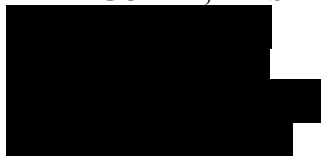
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Granting School District's Motion to Dismiss** in **Docket No. 2026-8456-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on April 23, 2026.

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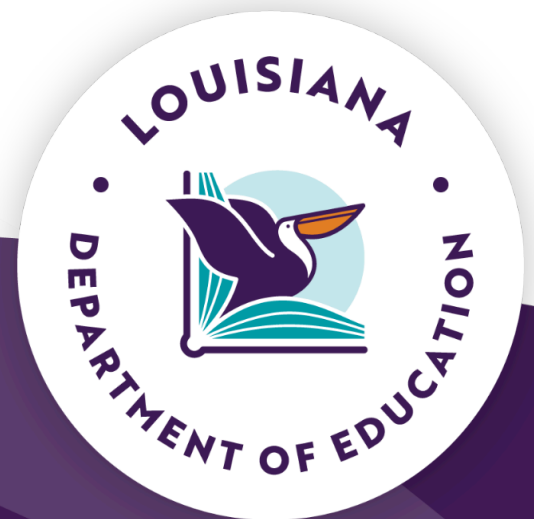
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-9335-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-65**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 8, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On April 8, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2026-9335-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 29, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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² School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* the above-captioned matter. Parent also filed a *Motion for Summary Judgment* and a *Motion to Declare Prior Proceeding Void*. Because this *Order Terminating Adjudication* dismisses the matter in its entirety, it is not necessary to also address School District's and Parent's motions.

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

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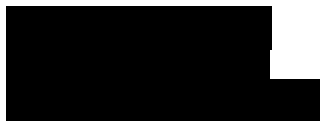
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I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-9335-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 29, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-9417-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-66

**CONFERENCE REPORT AND
ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION**

A telephone prehearing conference was held on April 29, 2026, before Administrative Law Judge Esther A. Redmann. Participating in the conference were Parent on behalf of Minor; Advocates for Parent on behalf of Minor; Timothy Riveria, counsel for School District; and Supervisor of Special Education for School District.

The parties confirmed they held a resolution meeting on April 21, 2026, and reached a full settlement of the issues that formed the basis of the request for a due process hearing. On April 22, 2026, the parties filed a copy of the signed Resolution Meeting Verification Form into the Division of Administrative Law's record.

All participants in the conference confirmed that a full resolution has been reached, the parties signed a settlement agreement, and as part of the settlement agreement, Parent agreed to withdraw the request for a due process hearing. The tribunal accepted Parent on behalf of Minor's oral *Withdrawal of Hearing Request* based on the confirmation of the parties and the terms of the settlement, and the matter is dismissed and terminated.

¹ Due to confidentiality requirements, all specific identifying information has been redacted from this order. See attached Legend for identifying information.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's *Withdrawal of Hearing Request* is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Parent on behalf of Minor's request for a due process hearing, bearing docket number *2026-9417-DOE-IDEA*, is dismissed and all proceedings are **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 30, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 01, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law

Esther A Redmann

Esther A. Redmann
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

Legend

Parent



Minor



Advocate for Parent on behalf of Minor

Walter Bridges, Director of Programs,
Son of a Saint

Advocate for Parent on behalf of Minor

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School District

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Conference Report and Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-9417-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 1, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-9802-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-67**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 10, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On April 13, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-9802-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 29, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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² School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* the above-captioned matter. Parent filed a *Motion for Summary Judgment*. Because this *Order Terminating Adjudication* dismisses the matter in its entirety, it is not necessary to address School District's or Parent's motions.

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

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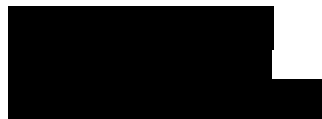
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-9802-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 29, 2026.

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

* DOCKET NO. 2026-9805-DOE-IDEA

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IN THE MATTER OF

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PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

* AGENCY ID. 56-H-68

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 16, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor submitted a withdrawal of his due process hearing request to the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE), waiving his right to a due process hearing. On that same date, LDOE forwarded Parent's withdrawal of his hearing request to the Division of Administrative Law.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication entitled *School District in the matter of Parent on Behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2026-9802-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on April 23, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, April 28, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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LEGEND

Parent



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School District Representative

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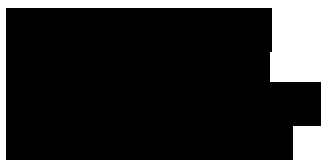
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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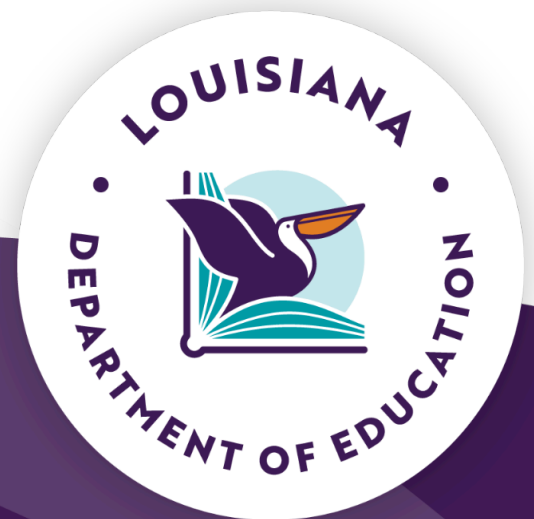
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10185-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-70**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

Administrative Law Judge Leighann N. Guilbeau conducted a telephone status conference on May 14, 2026. Parent and counsel for School District appeared for the telephone status conference. During the telephone status conference, Parent withdrew her request for a due process hearing on the record.² Accordingly, Parent's request for a due process hearing is dismissed, and the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED** and the adjudication bearing docket number 2026-10185-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 15, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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² On May 15, 2026, Parent filed a *Withdrawal of Hearing Request* confirming she withdrew her request and waived her right to a due process hearing.

Legend

Parent: [REDACTED]

Minor: [REDACTED]

School District: St. Tammany Parish Public School System

School District Representative: Kerri Soo

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2026-10185-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 19, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10186-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-71**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 20, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On April 20, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-10186-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 29, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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Stephanie E. Robin
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² School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* the above-captioned matter. Because this *Order Terminating Adjudication* dismisses the matter in its entirety, it is not necessary to address School District's *Motion to Dismiss*.

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2026-10186-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 29, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10188-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-72**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 20, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On April 20, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-10188-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 29, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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REVIEW RIGHTS

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LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

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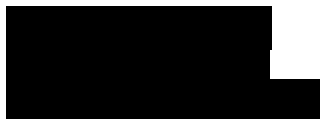
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I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2026-10188-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 29, 2026.

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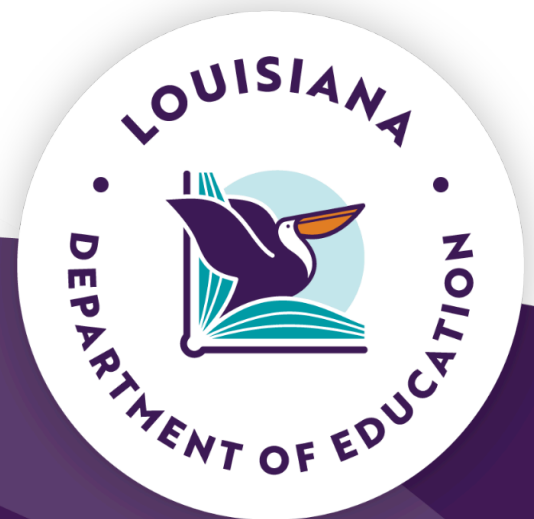
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10367-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-73**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On May 7, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor withdrew her request for a due process hearing. The request is granted. The telephone status conference scheduled for May 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. is canceled.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *School District in the Matter of Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number 2026-10367-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone status conference scheduled for May 8, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on May 7, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 08, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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Division of Administrative Law



William H. Cooper

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Bricolage Academy

School District Representative

Sherie Garza

Chartering Authority

New Orleans (NOLA) Public Schools

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-74



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10382-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF CHILD

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-74**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

Parent on behalf of Child filed a due process hearing request alleging School District denied Child a free appropriate public education. A telephone status conference was held on May 19, 2026. Wayne T. Stewart, counsel for School District and Parent on behalf of Child, were present for the conference. At the conference, Parent, on behalf of Child, acknowledged that she signed an agreement to resolve the pending issues that are the subject of her due process hearing request and in that same agreement, she agreed to withdraw her due process hearing request. Parent on behalf of Child verbally withdrew the pending due process hearing request.

Accordingly, Parent on behalf of Child's request for a due process hearing is dismissed and the above captioned adjudication is terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED** and the adjudication bearing docket number *2026-10382-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 20, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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Tameka Johnson-Moore
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parent



Child



School District

Bossier Parish Schools

School District Representative

Vicki Younger

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-10382-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 20, 2026.

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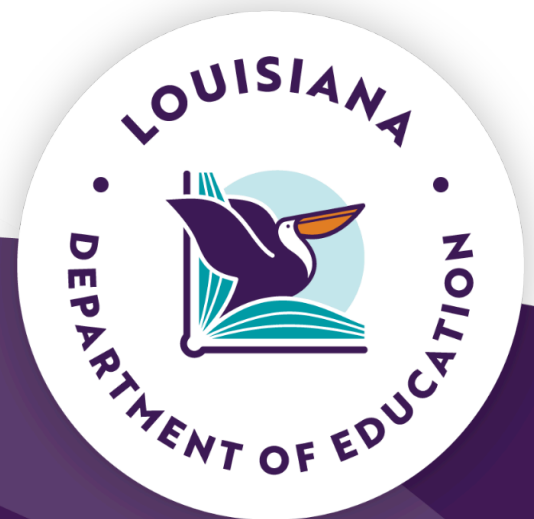
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56-H-75



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10388-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-75

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 23, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On April 23, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

A telephone status conference was held on May 28, 2026, before Administrative Law Judge Stephanie E. Robin. Present for the scheduled conference were Parent; Ashley Jackson, counsel for School District; and School District's Representative.

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. During the conference, the tribunal confirmed that the Mediation Agreement is an agreement enforceable in a court of competent jurisdiction. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

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² School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* the above-captioned matter on the grounds that the matter is duplicative of previously filed matters. Because this *Order Terminating Adjudication* dismisses the matter in its entirety, it is not necessary to also address School District's *Motion to Dismiss*.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-10388-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 29, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

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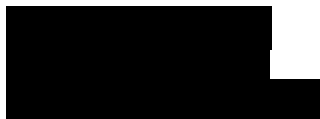
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10394-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-76**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On May 14, 2026, Parent sent an email to the Division of Administrative Law withdrawing her request for a due process hearing. Accordingly, Parent's request for a due process hearing is dismissed, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated, and the telephone status conference scheduled for May 15, 2026, is canceled.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED** and the adjudication bearing docket number 2026-10394-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the May 15, 2026, telephone status conference is **CANCELED**.

Rendered and signed on May 15, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Jefferson Parish Public Schools

Director of Special Education

Paulette Fairchild

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-10394-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 19, 2026.

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-77



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10576-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-77**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 24, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On April 24, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-10576-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

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Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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² School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* the above-captioned matter. Because this *Order Terminating Adjudication* dismisses the matter in its entirety, it is not necessary to address School District's *Motion to Dismiss*.

REVIEW RIGHTS

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LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

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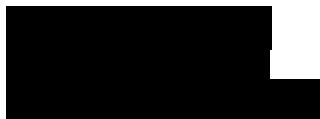
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10577-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-78**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

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Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-10577-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

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Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
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² School District filed a *Motion to Dismiss* the above-captioned matter. Because this *Order Terminating Adjudication* dismisses the matter in its entirety, it is not necessary to address School District's *Motion to Dismiss*.

REVIEW RIGHTS

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LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

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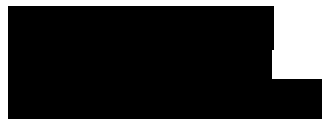
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10635-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-79**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 27, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On April 28, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-10635-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 29, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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Division of Administrative Law



Stephanie E. Robin
Administrative Law Judge
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REVIEW RIGHTS

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LEGEND

Parent	
Minor	
School District	Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans
School District Representative	Faith Moses

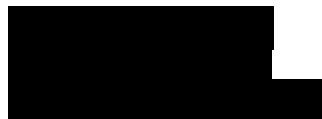
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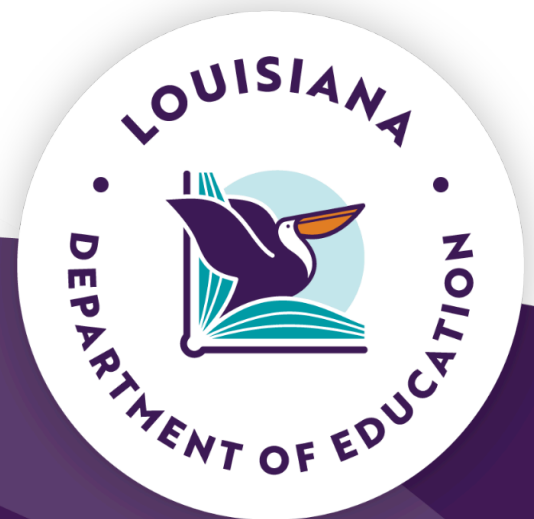
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10636-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-80**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On April 27, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on behalf of Minor. On April 28, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

Mediation Agreement

On May 7, 2026, LDOE forwarded to the DAL a copy of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District signed on May 5, 2026. The above-captioned docket number was included among the matters resolved by the Mediation Agreement, and as such, the above-captioned matter is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-10636-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 29, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 29, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

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Stephanie E. Robin
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LEGEND

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School District	Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans
School District Representative	Faith Moses

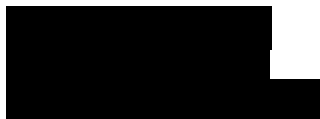
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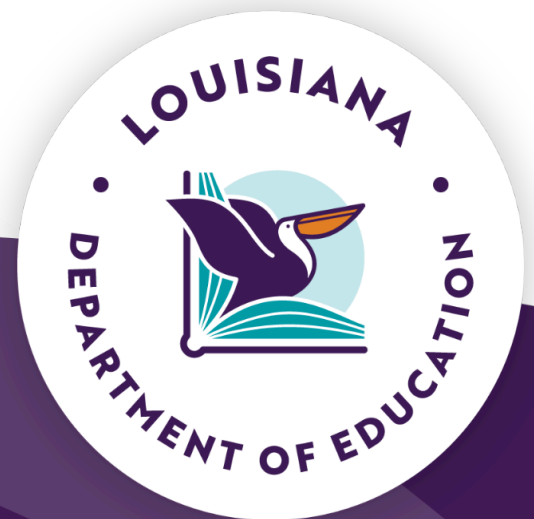
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56-H-81



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-10637-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF CHILD * AGENCY ID. 56-H-81

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

Parent on behalf of Child filed a due process hearing request alleging School District denied Child a free appropriate public education. A telephone status conference was held on May 20, 2026. Carlar Alexander, counsel for School District, and Parent on behalf of Child, were present at the conference. At the conference, Parent, on behalf of Child, advised that the parties had reached an agreement through mediation resolving the pending issues that are the subject of this due process hearing request. Parent on behalf of Child advised that the agreement would be signed on May 21, 2026. Parent on behalf of Child verbally withdrew the pending due process hearing request.

Accordingly, Parent on behalf of Child's request for a due process hearing is dismissed and the above captioned adjudication is terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED** and the adjudication bearing docket number *2026-10637-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 21, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, May 22, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court
Division of Administrative Law



Tameka Johnson-Moore
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parent



Child



School District

West Baton Rouge Parish School Board

School District Representative

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication** in **Docket No. 2026-10637-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on May 22, 2026.

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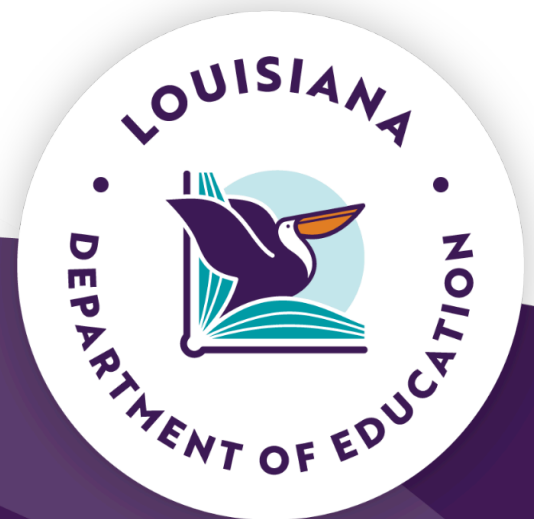
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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-11230-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-84

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On May 18, 2026, School District, through its representative, submitted a written withdrawal of its request for a due process hearing to the Division of Administrative Law. Accordingly, School District's request for a due process hearing is dismissed, and the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that School District's request for a due hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the adjudication bearing docket number 2026-11230-DOE-IDEA is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on May 19, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Tuesday, May 19, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Parent: [REDACTED]

Minor: [REDACTED]

School District: Calcasieu Parish School Board

School District Representative: Mike Hill

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

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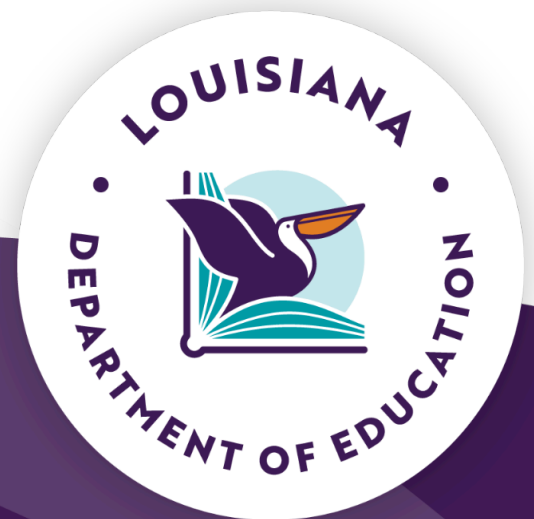
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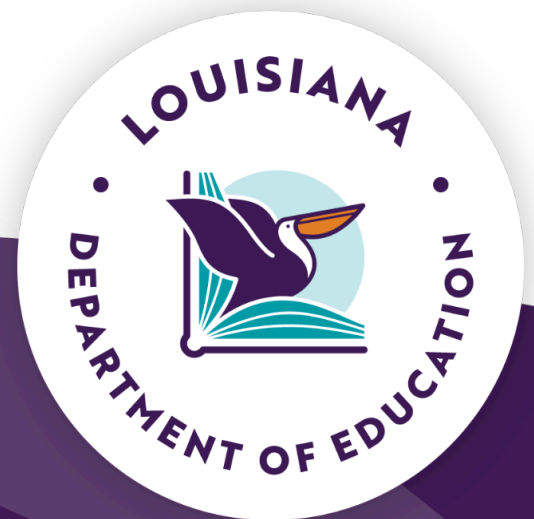
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-12612-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-90**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On May 21, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor filed a *Due Process Hearing Request* alleging School District violated certain provisions of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act. An initial telephone prehearing conference is scheduled for June 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m.

On May 29, 2026, Parent on behalf of Minor withdrew her request for a due process hearing.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that the matter entitled *Parent on behalf of Minor* bearing docket number *2026-12612-DOE-IDEA* is **TERMINATED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the telephone prehearing conference scheduled for June 15, 2026, at 3:00 p.m., is **CANCELLED**.

Rendered and signed on June 1, 2026, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Anthony J. Russo

Anthony J. Russo
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Wednesday, June 03, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court
Division of Administrative Law

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LEGEND

Parent



Minor



School District

Central Community School System

School

Bellingrath Hills Elementary School

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2026-12612-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on June 3, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13811-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-92**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent writes:

Despite filing multiple due process complaints regarding distinct violations (failure to finalize IEP since October 31, 2025; inappropriate evaluation procedures; utilization of unlicensed special education personnel), the Administrative Law Judge assigned to these matters has improperly dismissed or refused to adjudicate these complaints. Specifically, the ALJ initially dismissed complaints as "duplicative" despite the fact that each complaint addressed distinct substantive violations of the IDEA occurring at different times and involving different rights. When challenged on the lack of legal basis for "duplicative" dismissals under the IDEA, the ALJ subsequently claimed the matters were res judicata despite the absence of any prior hearing on the merits or final decision. Currently, the ALJ has failed to rule on or schedule hearing dates for subsequently filed complaints, effectively denying Parents access to the due process hearing mandated by 20 U.S.C. §1415(f).

Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an

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administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706 Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by findings and decisions made by an administrative law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's due process hearing complaint only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's due process complaint must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

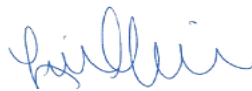
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NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, June 26, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

² See also 34 Code of Federal Regulations § 300.516 (2025).

³ Since the adjudication is terminated, it is unnecessary to address the motions filed by Parent and School District.

Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2026-13811-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on June 26, 2026.

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13812-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-93**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent writes:

Parent, on behalf of Minor, submits this Notice to preserve the record and to state unequivocally that Parent retains the right to refile this due process complaint and will continue to do so until Minor receives the hearing on the merits guaranteed under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act ("IDEA"), 20 U.S.C. § 1415(f)(1)(A).

This Notice is filed solely to ensure a complete record for administrative and judicial review.

Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

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Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706 Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by the findings and decisions made by an administrative law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's due process hearing complaint only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's due process complaint must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on June 26, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

I certify that on Friday, June 26, 2026, I have sent a copy of this decision/order to all parties of this matter.

Clerk of Court

Division of Administrative Law



Leighann N. Guilbeau
Administrative Law Judge
Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

REVIEW RIGHTS

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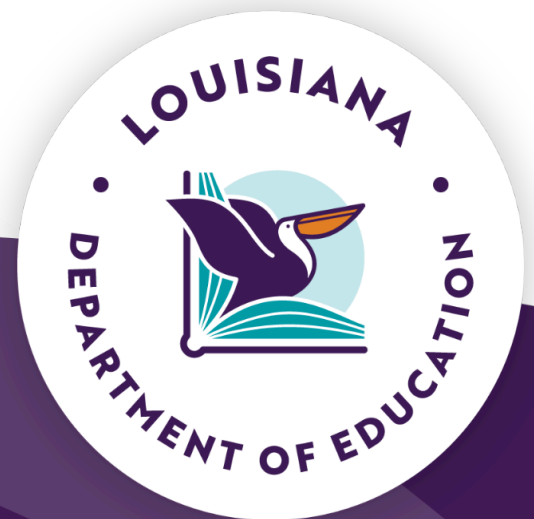
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13813-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

AGENCY ID. 56-H-94

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706, Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by the findings and decisions made by an administrative law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's request for a due process hearing only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of

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Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's request for a due process hearing must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on June 26, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

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Clerk of Court

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13814-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-95**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

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In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

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ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

Rendered and signed on June 26, 2026, in New Orleans, Louisiana.

NOTICE OF TRANSMISSION OF DECISION OR ORDER

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Clerk of Court

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Leighann N. Guilbeau

Administrative Law Judge

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Legend

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13815-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-96**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

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ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

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Legend

Parent



Minor



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REVIEW RIGHTS

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-97



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13816-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-97**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District’s request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent’s request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent writes:

This filing also incorporates legal arguments demonstrating that the ALJ’s prior dismissal order—based on an invented “duplicative” standard—was ultra vires, contrary to IDEA, and must be reversed.

Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

Parent’s request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706 Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by findings and decisions made by an administrative

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law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's due process hearing complaint only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's due process complaint must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

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Legend

Parent



Minor



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56-H-98



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13817-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-98**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706 Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by the findings and decisions made by an administrative law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's due process hearing complaint only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of

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Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's due process complaint must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

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56-H-99



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13818-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-99**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent asserts violations of a Mediation Agreement between Parent and School District. Parent attached a copy of the Mediation Agreement to the request for a due process hearing. As noted by Parent, the agreement states: The parties understand that this Mediation Agreement is *legally binding and enforceable in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States*. (Emphasis added.)

Parent's request for a due process hearing states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Parent's due process complaint seeks to enforce the terms of the Mediation Agreement. The Mediation Agreement is only enforceable in a State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Accordingly, Parent's due process complaint must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a**

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district court of the United States has the authority to enforce the terms of the Mediation Agreement. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.²

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

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Leighann N. Guilbeau

Administrative Law Judge

Division of Administrative Law

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

Lycée Francais de la Nouvelle-Orleans

School District Representative

Faith Moses

REVIEW RIGHTS

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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-100



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13819-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-100**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District’s request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent’s request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent writes:

There is no authority—in IDEA, in federal regulations, or in Louisiana law—that allows dismissal of a due process complaint as “duplicative.” Any attempt to create such a doctrine would be contrary to federal law and would unlawfully restrict parental rights.

Below is a **full, litigation-grade argument section** built in the tone you prefer: aggressive, jurisdiction-focused, and structured to expose the ALJ’s procedural violations and eliminate any “duplicative” excuse. It is written so you can drop it directly into a motion, objection, or state complaint.

Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

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Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706 Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by findings and decisions made by an administrative law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's due process hearing complaint only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's due process complaint must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

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Legend

Parent



Minor



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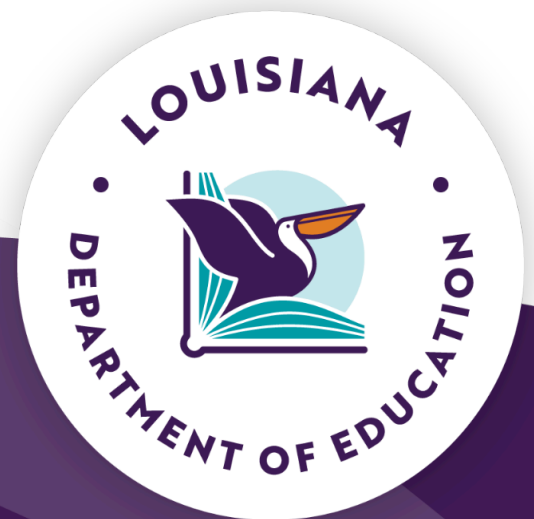
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Louisiana Special Education Due Process Hearing

56-H-101



**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13820-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-101**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In his request for a due process hearing, Parent's complaints and requests for relief are based solely on an individual allegedly being unqualified to work with students with disabilities.

Louisiana Bulletin 1706, Section 156(E) states, in pertinent part, that:

Nothing in these regulations shall be construed to create a right of action on behalf of an individual student or a class of students for the failure of a particular LDOE employee or Local Education Agency (LEA) employee to be highly qualified, or to prevent a parent from filing a complaint about staff qualifications with the LDOE as provided for under these regulations.

Accordingly, the undersigned does not have jurisdiction to determine whether the individual at issue was qualified to work with students with disabilities. Parent may file a complaint with the LDOE regarding the individual's qualifications. As such, Parent's request for a due process hearing is dismissed, and the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.²

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ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

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Legend

Parent



Minor



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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13821-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-102**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706, Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by the findings and decisions made by an administrative law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's request for a due process hearing only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of

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Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's request for a due process hearing must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

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Legend

Parent



Minor



School District

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School District Representative

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**STATE OF LOUISIANA
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SCHOOL DISTRICT¹

*** DOCKET NO. 2026-13822-DOE-IDEA**

IN THE MATTER OF

PARENT ON BEHALF OF MINOR

*** AGENCY ID. 56-H-103**

ORDER TERMINATING ADJUDICATION

On June 1, 2026, the Louisiana Department of Education (LDOE) received a written request for a due process hearing from Parent on Behalf of Minor. On June 2, 2026, LDOE forwarded School District's request to the Division of Administrative Law (DAL).

In Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, Parent asserts that an *Order Terminating Adjudication* (OTA) issued on May 29, 2026, based on a Mediation Agreement executed by the parties is void because the Mediation Agreement explicitly places interpretation and enforcement of the agreement in any State court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States. Parent also alleges that an administrative law judge cannot dismiss a due process complaint based on a contract it has no power to enforce.

Parent's request for a due process hearing received by LDOE on June 1, 2026, states a cause of action over which the undersigned lacks jurisdiction. Louisiana Bulletin 1706 Section 516(A) provides that any party aggrieved by the findings and decisions made by an administrative law judge has the right to bring a civil action in any state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the decision.² Parent's due process hearing complaint only asserts claims related to an administrative law judge's handling of prior due process complaints and the alleged denial of

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Parent's access to a due process hearing. The undersigned, as an administrative law judge, does not have the authority to review the findings and decision of another administrative law judge. Accordingly, Parent's due process complaint must be dismissed as only **a state court of competent jurisdiction or a district court of the United States** has the authority to hear the case regarding the findings and decision by which Parent is aggrieved. Accordingly, the above-captioned adjudication is terminated.³

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Parent's request for a due process hearing is **DISMISSED**, and the above-captioned adjudication is **TERMINATED**.

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Legend

Parent



Minor



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REVIEW RIGHTS

This decision is final unless it is appealed. Any aggrieved party has the right to appeal the findings and decision by filing a civil action within ninety (90) days from the date of this decision in a state court of competent jurisdiction or in a district court of the United States in accordance with Louisiana Administrative Code 28:XLIII.516.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that the attached **Order Terminating Adjudication in Docket No. 2026-13822-DOE-IDEA** has been served to the following individuals by regular, first-class mail, certified mail, and/or electronic mail on June 26, 2026.

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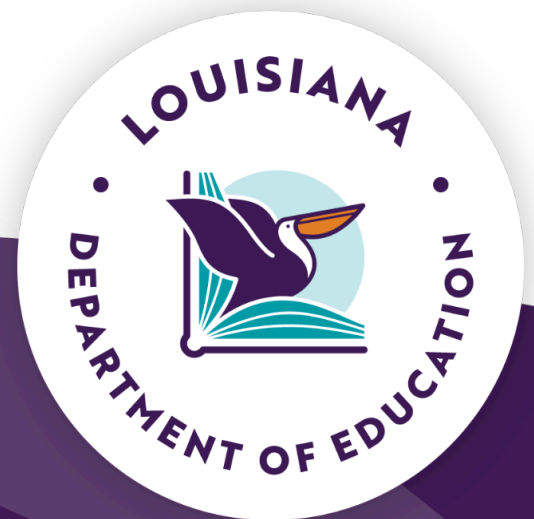
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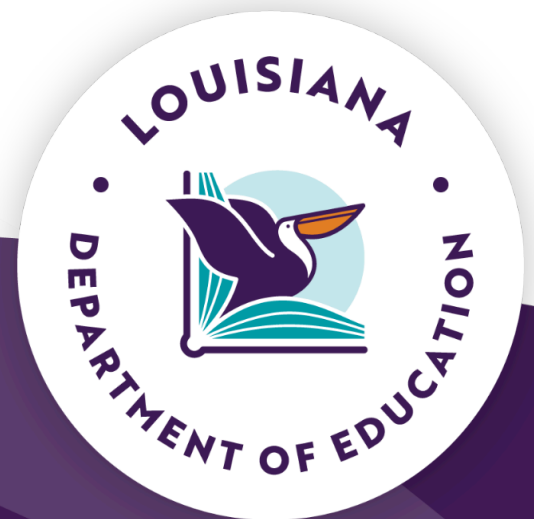
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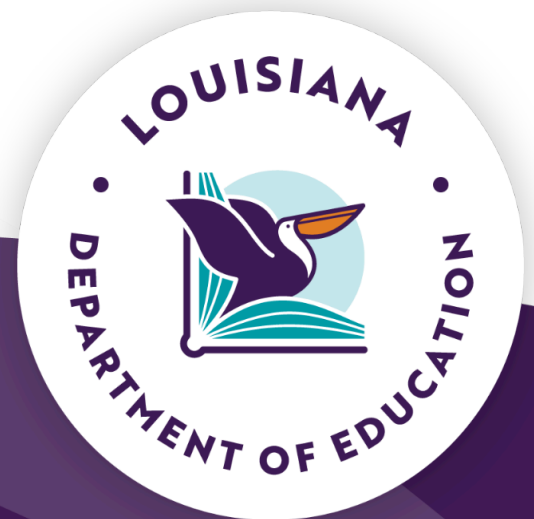
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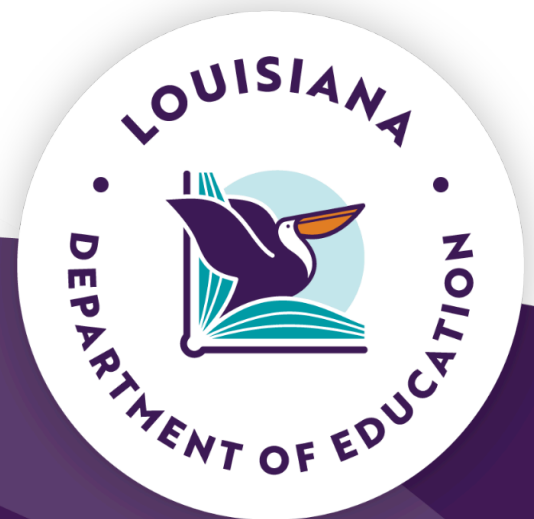
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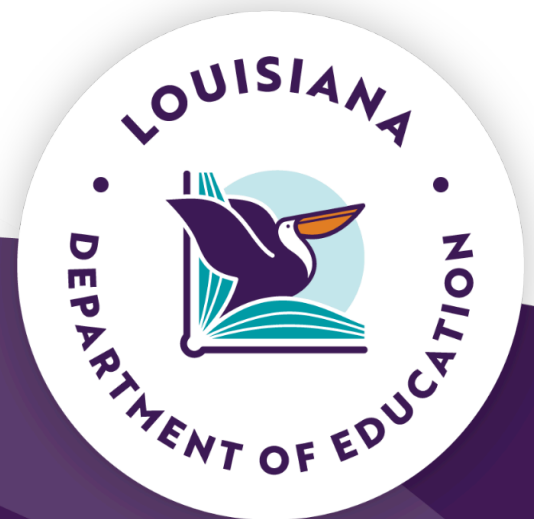
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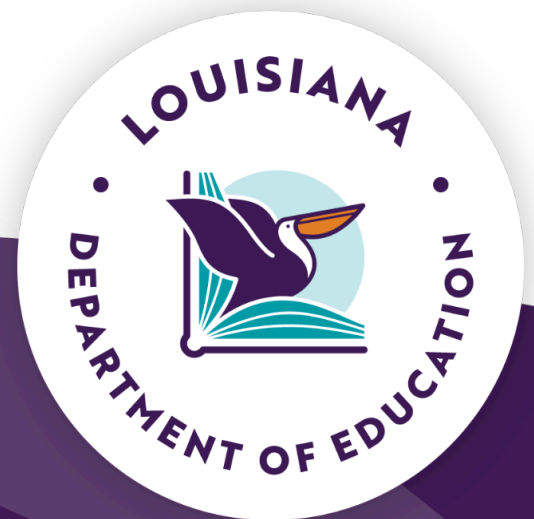
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