

Expedited Due Process Information Sheet

An expedited due process hearing is a very special type of due process hearing that may be requested only in certain situations that relate to discipline.

An expedited request may be filed when:

- Parents disagree with a school district's decision about placement for disciplinary removals
- Parents disagree with a school district's decision about whether a child's behavior is related to the disability. This decision is called a manifestation determination.

What happens after I file an expedited hearing request?

A resolution meeting must occur within seven calendar days, unless the parent and school district agree in writing not to have a resolution meeting, or to use mediation instead.

- If the dispute is not resolved within 15 calendar days, the hearing timeline goes forward.
- The hearing must be held within 20 school days of the expedited hearing request being filed.
- The impartial hearing officer must issue a decision within 10 school days of the date of the hearing.

If a parent files an expedited due process for a reason other than one or both of the two reasons listed above, the school district will ask the impartial hearing officer to move the hearing request to the regular track. This can create delays as time and resources are expended on the timeline, rather than resolving the dispute.

Be aware of the expedited timeline differences, especially close to school breaks. An expedited hearing takes place on school days, not calendar days.

