Division of Elementary and Secondary Education - Office of Special Education Advisory Council for the Education of Children with Disabilities Dispute Resolution, January 2025

The following allegations were addressed in due process hearing decisions and complaint investigation reports completed in the previous quarter. An issue that has been substantiated by facts as determined by a due process hearing officer or complaint investigation team is followed by (S). An issue in which one or more allegations were substantiated while other allegations were not will be marked as partially substantiated (PS). An issue that was not substantiated is followed by (NS). Rendered decisions found to have no corrective action are followed by (No C/A).

DUE PROCESS HEARING ISSUES

H-24-09

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OPEN HEARINGS (44)

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	Case#	School District	Status
<u>2023</u>			
2020	H-23-08 H-23-17 H-23-29/	Vilonia SD Palestine-Wheatley SD	Pending Compliance Pending Compliance
	H-24-04	LRSD	Pending Compliance
	H-23-35/ H-24-09	Vilonia SD	Pending Hearing

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<u>2024</u>

H-24-01 H-24-02 H-24-03 H-24-09 H-24-10 H-24-11 H-24-15 EH-24-17 H-24-21 H-24-23 H-24-27/30 H-24-29 H-24-31 H-24-32 EH-24-32 EH-24-33 H-24-34 H-24-38 H-24-39 H-24-40 H-24-41 H-24-42 H-24-42 H-24-45 H-24-46 H-24-46 H-24-46	Vilonia SD PCSSD SD Greenwood SD Vilonia SD Magnet Cove SD Conway SD Cabot SD Malvern SD Springdale SD Malvern SD PCSSD Quitman SD Osceola SD Springdale SD Fort Smith SD Scholarmade Achievement SD Magnet Cove SD Benton SD Vilonia SD KIPP Delta SD Springdale SD Bentonville SD PCSSD Benton SD
H-24-45	PCSSD
H-24-46 H-24-48	Benton SD PCSSD
H-24-49	Arkansas Virtual Academy
H-24-50 H-24-51	Fort Smith SD Quitman SD

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<u>2025</u>

H-25-01Hope SDH-25-02Melbourne SDH-25-04Lakeside SDH-25-05Southside SDH-25-14Gravette SDH-25-15Jonesboro SDH-25-18Gravette SDH-25-19Conway SDH-25-20PCSSD	Pending Hearing Pending Hearing Pending Hearing Pending Hearing Pending Hearing Pending Hearing Pending Hearing Pending Hearing Pending Hearing
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CLOSED HEARINGS (19)

Case#	School District	<u>Status</u>
H-23-22	Vilonia SD	Met Compliance/Closed
H-23-18	PCSSD	Met Compliance/Closed
H-23-23	Vilonia SD	Met Compliance/Closed
H-23-30	Vilonia SD	Met Compliance/Closed
H-23-37	PCSSD	Met Compliance/Closed
	H-23-22 H-23-18 H-23-23 H-23-30	H-23-22 Vilonia SD H-23-18 PCSSD H-23-23 Vilonia SD H-23-30 Vilonia SD

<u>2024</u>

H-24-05	Pine Bluff SD	Dismissed
H-24-13	Conway SD	Dismissed
H-24-44	Springdale SD	Dismissed

<u>2025</u>

H-25-03	Conway SD	Dismissed
EH-25-06	Stuttgart SD	Dismissed
EH-25-07	Beebe SD	Dismissed
EH-25-08	Jacksonville North Pulaski SD	Dismissed
EH-25-10	Beebe SD	Dismissed
H-25-11	Pangburn SD	Dismissed
H-25-12	LRSD	Dismissed
H-25-13	LRSD	Dismissed
EH-25-16	Valley View SD	Dismissed
H-25-17	Valley View SD	Dismissed
EH-25-21	Lonoke SD	Dismissed

COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION ISSUES

C-25-05

1. that the District failed to develop and implement an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for the Student that is reasonable calculated to allow for meaningful progress 34 CFR 300.320(a) and [8.01.1], specifically, that the District failed to provide services listed on the IEP. (S)

2. that the District failed to ensure that the IEP was in effect at the start of school [8.03.1]. (S)

3. that the District failed to hold an IEP meeting, at least annually, to determine if the goals are being achieved [8.04.3.1]. (S)

C-25-08

1. that the District failed to provide transportation to allow the Student access to the special education program. Transportation was removed from the Student's IEP on August 26, 2024, according to multiple documents reviewed from that meeting, including the Notice of Action. (NS)

2. that the District modified the education program without meaningful Parent participation. Evidence reviewed showed that the District attempted to include the Parent in IEP team meetings. (NS)

C-25-10

1. that the District failed to develop and provide an Individual Education Program (IEP) that was calculated for reasonable educational benefit, specifically, that the District failed to develop an adequate IEP to address the needs of the Student [8.01.1], (NS) 2. that the District evaluation failed to use assessment tools and strategies that provide all relevant information that determine the educational needs of the Student. [6.04.2.10]. (NS)

C-25-11

 that the District failed to develop and implement an Individualized Education Program (IEP) for the Student that is reasonably calculated to allow for meaningful educational benefit [8.01.1], specifically, by failing to provide a 1:1 aide as outlined in the IEP which resulted in the student being bullied. (NS)

C-25-12

1. that the District failed to develop and provide an Individual Education Program (IEP) that was calculated for reasonable educational benefit; specifically: that the District failed to implement the accommodations in the IEP [8.01.1]. (NS)

C-25-14

1. that the District failed to develop and implement an Individual Education Program (IEP) for the Student that is reasonably calculated to allow for meaningful educational benefit, specifically, by not providing specifically designed instruction to ensure access to the general curriculum, to allow the Student to meet the educational standards and address the unique needs of the child that result from the child's disability [2.72]. (S) 2. that the District impeded the Parent's opportunity to participate in the decision making process [20 U.S.C. § 1415 (f)(3)(E)(ii)], specifically by not communicating with the Parent to allow the Parent to be aware of Student progress. (NS)

C-25-19

1.that the District failed to develop and implement an Individual Education Program (IEP) for the Student that is reasonably calculated to allow for meaningful progress 34 CFR 300.320(a)(4) and [8.01.1], specifically, that the service of a paraprofessional was not provided. (S)

OPEN COMPLAINTS (29)

	Case#	School District	<u>Status</u>
<u>2023</u>	C-23-39	KIPP Delta SD	Pending Compliance
<u>2024</u>	C-24-17 C-24-25 C-24-29 C-24-34 C-24-39 C-24-41 C-24-45 C-24-45 C-24-46 C-24-48 C-24-49 C-24-50	LISA Academy Scholarmade Achievement Charter Springdale SD West Memphis SD PCSSD Searcy SD Westwind School for Performing Arts Strong-Huttig SD Clarksville SD Arkansas River Education Co-Op Cossatot River SD	Pending Compliance Pending Compliance
	C-24-52 C-24-56 C-24-58 C-24-60 C-24-63 C-24-63 C-24-65 C-24-65 C-24-66	Berryville SD LISA Academy PCSSD Bentonville SD Academics Plus Charter School Southwest AR Education Co-Op Blytheville SD LRSD	Pending Compliance Pending Compliance Pending Compliance Pending Compliance Pending Compliance Pending Compliance Pending Compliance Pending Compliance

<u>2025</u>

C-25-17	Lakeside SD	Pending Compliance
C-25-19	Pocahontas SD	Pending Compliance
C-25-20	Watson Chapel SD	Pending Investigation
C-25-21	KIPP Delta	Pending Investigation
C-25-22	KIPP Delta	Pending Investigation
C-25-23	Mountain View SD	Pending Investigation
C-25-25	Founders Classical Academy of AR	Pending Investigation
C-25-26	Clarksville	Pending Investigation

CLOSED COMPLAINTS (10)

Case# School District <u>Status</u> <u>2024</u> Southwest AR Education Co-Op C-24-61 Withdrawn/Closed <u>2025</u> **Mulberry SD** Met Compliance/Closed C-25-03 Smackover SD C-25-06 Denied C-25-07 **Ouachita River SD** Withdrawn/Closed C-25-09 Baron-Lexa SD Denied No C/A, Closed C-25-11 NLRSD No C/A, Closed C-25-12 Fort Smith SD C-25-15 Huntsville SD Denied C-25-16 East End SD Withdrawn C-25-18 Star City SD Withdrawn C-25-24 Lonoke SD Withdrawn