



Tennessee Department of Education Special Education Administrative Complaint Form

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Email completed forms to the school district and dispute.resolution@tn.gov

Name of Complainant ¹		Relationship to Child		Complainant's Email	
Address <i>Street, City, State, ZIP</i>			Telephone Number (<i>Area Code/Number</i>) Home Work Cell		
Name of Child		Child's Date of Birth (<i>Month/Day/Year</i>)		Child's Disability	
Address of the Child (if different from Complainant) (<i>Street, City, State, ZIP</i>)				*For homeless children provide contact information	
School System			School Child is Attending		
<p>Please check alleged violation(s) of the special education regulations. Documentation of alleged violations must be provided for each box checked:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to evaluate/identify for special education and related services <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to follow proper Individualized Education Program (IEP) team procedures <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to implement IEP accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to implement IEP services <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to provide an appropriate IEP to meet student's needs <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to follow proper suspension/expulsion procedures for a student identified with a disability <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to provide access to review/inspect educational records <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to consider a request for an independent educational evaluation (IEE) <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to conduct a comprehensive re-evaluation <input type="checkbox"/> Failure to allow parent to participate in educational decisions <input type="checkbox"/> Improperly restrained my student <input type="checkbox"/> Improperly isolated my student <input type="checkbox"/> Others) _____ 					

¹ If the person filing the complaint is not the child's parent, this complaint must include a TDOE consent for release of information. Please contact the TDOE for a copy of the consent form.

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Provide a description of the problem, including facts and dates relating to all of the allegation(s) checked on page 1. Complaints must allege a violation that occurred not more than one calendar year prior to the date this complaint is received by the TDOE. Include documentation that supports your allegation(s) as an attachment to this form. The TDOE will dismiss an allegation, or if appropriate, the complaint in its entirety, when the allegation, on its face or as clarified, fails to allege a violation of a special education law. Should a dated audio or video recording be submitted, there must be a reference made as to the timing within the recording which the supporting information located:

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List any persons, if any, you have already communicated with to resolve this complaint, along with their response to your request:

Provide a proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available.²

By signing below, you assert that you would like TDOE to investigate the complaint and notify you of the results. You understand that you may be asked to provide additional documentation. You also understand that TDOE has sixty (60) days, upon receipt of the complaint, to complete the investigation.

Signature of Complainant (Required)	Date Signed (Month/Day/Year)
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²**MEDIATION** is offered at no cost to parents and school personnel. Mediation is encouraged and may be beneficial in your case. Please be advised, however, that mediation is a voluntary system for resolving disputes. Both parties must agree to mediate their issues prior to the initiation of the mediation process. Click [HERE](#) for additional information regarding mediation.

Proposed resolutions are intended in part to assist the complainant and LEA in reaching early resolution of the complaint. Any corrective action that may be required in connection with the complaint is within the discretion of the TDOE. Certain action suggestions, such as discipline or termination of school personnel, are not within TDOE's authority.