YOU HAVE OPTIONS*

when you do not agree with the school district about your child's IEP or 504 Plan:

YOUR OPTIONS INCLUDE:

1. You can continue to work directly with your school district through the team process to reach agreement.



- If you want to work with your school district directly, you can reach out to your team chair and request a meeting to discuss your concerns. You do not need to contact the Bureau of Special Education Appeals (BSEA).
- 2. You can request a free, voluntary and confidential mediation through the BSEA to try to reach agreement on areas of disagreement.

If you want to request a mediation, you can call or email: Becca Stone 857-294-0132 rebecca.stone@mass.gov You do not need to fill out any paperwork or send any documents.

3. You can file a Request for Hearing for free with the BSEA.

• If you want to request a Hearing, you can fill out the GREEN paperwork included in this packet and send it to the BSEA.

If you have questions about your options, you can reach out to the BSEA's main number: 781-397-4750 or you can call Becca Stone, 857-294-0132.

*Sometimes, parents and schools do not agree on a student's special education plan (IEP) or 504 accommodation plan. If a parent decides to reject part or all of the IEP or 504 Plan, or if they have not responded to a proposed plan, the school district must inform the Bureau of Special Education Appeals (BSEA).

The BSEA will then send this informational packet to families about ways to resolve disagreements. This helps parents understand their options if they do not agree with the school's proposed plan.

If you believe you received this notice by mistake, please contact your child's school district right away to make sure they have all the correct paperwork.



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