Policy: IHBAE

## **Special Education Dispute Resolution**

When a disagreement or complaint concerning the identification, evaluation, educational program, and/or placement of the student which cannot be resolved in a Pupil Evaluation Team (PET) meeting exists, M.S.A.D. #3 will first offer a conference with appropriate designated participants apart from a PET meeting, or secondly offer mediation or a third part investigation of the complaint. Once agreement is reached, the PET will reconvene to take appropriate action. If agreement cannot be reached, a hearing will be requested.

Throughout this process, parents have the right to request a due process hearing from the Department of Education relating to the identification, evaluation, and/or educational programming for their exceptional child.

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