Advantages of Informal Dispute Resolution

- Non adversarial
- Speedy Resolution
- Rapid Implementation of Services
- Positive Relationships Cultivated
- Time and Resources Saved

IDR
A process developed by...

A Task Force of:
- Administrators
- Teachers
- Paraprofessionals
- Parents
- Advocates

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Informal Dispute Resolution for IEP DISAGREEMENTS

Los Angeles Unified School District

- ASSESSMENT
- ELIGIBILITY
- PLACEMENT
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## Informal Dispute Resolution (IDR)

Is based on the beliefs that...

- IEP disputes are minimized when the IEP is developed through meaningful informed participation of all team members.
- An IEP dispute represents a difference of opinion, which in most cases can be resolved through open, informed communication.
- Resolution of disputes may best be achieved by those who know and work with the child, understand the child’s needs, are knowledgeable about programs and understand the mandates of IDEA.
- Local site personnel should be empowered to resolve disputes; if local staff cannot reach resolution, an appropriate objective party may be of assistance.
- Formal Due Process should be the last resort for dispute resolution.

### STEPS in the IDR Process

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<td>Step 1</td>
<td>If you elect to use IDR: at the end of the IEP team meeting note your disagreement with the IEP on page 10 of the IEP, section Q. Check the box: ☑ I wish to schedule an informal conference.</td>
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<td>Step 2</td>
<td>Arrange a meeting with the IEP chair within 1 day to identify issues and concerns in more detail.</td>
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<td>After meeting with IEP chair you will be contacted within 2-3 business days by a District Administrator to work on a resolution of your concerns and issues.</td>
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<td>You will receive documentation of the IDR activity relating to your IDR request.</td>
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<td>If the dispute is resolved to your satisfaction, the school will schedule an IEP team meeting to implement the resolution if it alters eligibility, placement, or services.</td>
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- IDR is an optional informal process. Instead of using IDR, you may request a mediation only or initiate due process proceedings.
- If you use IDR and the dispute is not resolved to your satisfaction, you may initiate due process proceedings.
- For more information on IDR, mediation only and due process proceedings, refer to the Parent’s Guide.