

Special Education Directors,

Please see the following public participation information for proposed ADE/ESS Special Education Dispute Resolution Policies and Procedures.

Public Participation for Proposed Special Education Dispute Resolution Policies and Procedures

As part of the public participation process set forth in the IDEA Part B regulations at 34 CFR § 300.165 and in section 441(b)(7) of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA) ((20 U.S.C. 1232d(b)(7))), prior to the adoption of amendments to policies and procedures required to comply with Part B of the Act, the State must ensure that there are public postings, hearings, and 30-day public comment period. The public posting period will be between June 17, 2025, and August 16, 2025. The public comment period will be between June 17, 2025, and July 27, 2025. Following the conclusion of the public participation period, ADE/ESS will evaluate the feedback received.

Notice of Public Hearings

The ADE will hold two public hearings, one geared primarily toward education professionals and a second for parents and family members of children with disabilities. Any individual or organization may register and attend either public hearing opportunity. Select an option below to join the event via Zoom.

Professionals

Thursday, June 19, 2025: Noon to 1:00 p.m.

The public hearing will take place during the June Professional Check-In. [Register in advance for the professionals' meeting](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Parents and Family Members

Thursday, July 17, 2025: 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

[Register in advance for the parents' and family members' meeting](#). After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Notice of Public Comment Period

The public comment period for the proposed Special Education Dispute Resolution Policies and Procedures will be open between June 17, 2025, and July 27, 2025. Any individual or organization may submit written comments. The State will review and consider all comments after the public participation period.

Special education stakeholders may submit comments in writing using the following methods:

- Submit electronically via the ADE/ESS [Public Comment webpage](#)
- Submit electronically to Exceptional Student Services [via email](#)
- Submit handwritten comments directly to Exceptional Student Services via the USPS to Arizona Department of Education, 1535 West Jefferson St. Bin #24, Phoenix, AZ 85007.