

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2011080202

ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO
CHANGE LOCATION OF
MEDIATION AND DUE PROCESS
HEARING

Parent on behalf of Student (Student) filed a Due Process Request (complaint) on August 9, 2011, naming the Los Angeles Unified School District (District) as respondent. On September 8, 2011, Attorney Tania Whiteleather filed a Notice of Representation on behalf of Student. On September 22, 2011, the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) issued an order granting Student leave to file an amended complaint.

On October 28, 2011, Student filed a Request to Change Location of Mediation and Due Process hearing. In his motion, Student contends that his attorney will not attend mediation nor the hearing as counsel will not accompany him to the District offices due to the District practice of denying access to the building without the copying of each individual's driver's license. Student contends that the copying of the driver's license is against state law. Student fails to cite any legal authority to support this contention.

Student fails to cite any legal authority to support his contention that the District copying a driver's license is unlawful. Accordingly, Student's motion is DENIED. However, the parties are admonished that Student, a disabled minor, is the real party in interest herein; that a dispute between the District and Student's attorney about copying of driver's licenses ought not to interfere with the proper resolution of Student's claim; and that it is greatly in Student's interest that mediation be held. The parties are therefore ordered to meet and confer promptly in an attempt to determine a suitable location for mediation, including if necessary the Van Nuys office of OAH.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 31, 2011

/s/

ROBERT HELFAND
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings