

**Office of Administrative Hearings
Special Education Advisory Committee**

OAH Response to Recommendations from November 9, 2012 Meeting

The Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) Special Education Advisory Committee met in a joint meeting on November 9, 2012, in Los Angeles and Sacramento. The meeting was conducted via videoconference and was also available to the public through a webcast accessed on OAH's website. The joint meeting followed one agenda. During the course of the meeting, the Committee voted to make several recommendations to change or improve OAH's processes. After reviewing and considering the recommendations, OAH provides this response:

Documentation of Educational Rights

The Advisory Committee recommended that OAH create a form informing parties of the type of documentation required to show that a filing party holds educational rights for the student.

OAH adopts this recommendation. OAH is developing case management procedures to ensure that a party who files a request for mediation or hearing has the legal right to do so. In connection with this, while OAH cannot provide legal advice, it will provide information on its website describing the type of documentation that may be used to show that a filing party has educational rights for the student.

Cross Complaints

The Advisory Committee recommended that OAH include information in the FAQs on its website that cross complaints will not be entertained and a party should instead file a request for hearing and a motion to consolidate, if appropriate.

OAH adopts this recommendation. OAH will revise the FAQs and *Understanding Special Education Due Process Hearing* manual that are available on OAH's website to include this information.