

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

RIVERSIDE UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NO. 2012040450

ORDER RE: REQUEST FOR OPEN
HEARING

Student, through his parents, filed a request for due process (complaint) on April 12, 2012, naming the Riverside Unified School District (District). On May 7, 2012, Student filed a request for the hearing in this matter to be opened to the public, pursuant to federal and state law. The District has not filed a response to Student's request.

As Student notes, he has a right to an open hearing upon his parent's request. The Office of Administrative Hearings generally addresses the issue of whether a student's parents wish the due process hearing to be opened or closed to the public during the telephonic prehearing conference in each case. The telephonic prehearing conference in this case is presently scheduled for May 30, 2012. Parents should present to the administrative law judge who convenes the prehearing conference the issue of opening the hearing to the public.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 14, 2012

/s/

DARRELL LEPKOWSKY

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings

¹ Parent's request to open hearing indicates that they served the request on the District but there is no indication that they served the request on the District's counsel of record. Parents are reminded that they need to serve counsel once a notice of representation is filed as it has been in this case.