

CHANGES TO INITIAL CALENDARING

In April and July 2008, OAH, in coordination with the Advisory Committee, developed new calendaring guidelines for special education matters. Effective July 7, 2008, the following calendaring guidelines apply to newly filed special education matters.

STUDENT FILING:

- Upon receipt of a request for hearing, OAH will send a notice which assigns a mediator, a mediation date (the initial mediation date), a single hearing date (the initial hearing date) and a decision due date.
- The dates will be set as follows
 - Mediation – Day 35
 - Hearing – Day 55
- Included with the notice will be a form to report the outcome of the resolution session, a form to request a change in the initial mediation date, and a form to request to change the initial hearing date.

DISTRICT FILING:

- The only difference in a District filing is that the mediation date will be set on day 15 and a hearing date on day 25.

EXPEDITED FILINGS:

- The law requires that an expedited hearing occur within 20 school days from the date of filing and that a decision be rendered within 10 school days after the hearing. The mediation will be set for 10 from the date of filing, a prehearing conference on day 14 and the hearing on day 20.