BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT

V.

MANTECA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026070481

ORDER DENYING STUDENT'S MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

JULY 20, 2026

On July 10, 2026, Parent on behalf of Student filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026070481, Student's Case, naming Manteca Unified School District. Student is not represented by an attorney.

On July 2, 2026, Manteca Unified School District filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026070274, Manteca's Case, naming Student and seeking both an expedited hearing and a non-expedited hearing. OAH set a hearing on the expedited issue and a separate hearing for the non-expedited issues.

On page 3, Section 11, of Student's Complaint, Student requests that Manteca's Case be consolidated with Student's Case. On July 15, 2026, Manteca filed Notice of Non-Opposition to Student's request to consolidate the non-expedited issues of

Manteca's Case with Student's Case. The expedited issues of Manteca's Case may not be consolidated with non-expedited issues.

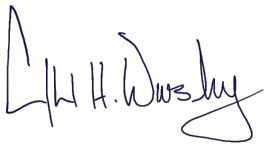
CONSOLIDATION

No statute or regulation specifically provides a standard to be applied in deciding a motion to consolidate special education cases. However, OAH will generally consolidate matters that involve the same parties, a common question of law and/or fact, and when consolidation of the matters furthers the interests of judicial economy by saving time or preventing inconsistent rulings. (See Gov. Code, § 11507.3, subd. (a) [administrative proceedings may be consolidated if they involve a common question of law or fact]; Code of Civ. Proc., § 1048, subd. (a) [same applies to civil cases].)

Here, Student's Case and the non-expedited issues in Mantica's Case involve common questions of law or fact. However, consolidation is unavailable until the expedited hearing concludes and the expedited decision is issued in Mantica's Case.

Student's motion to consolidate is denied, without prejudice. The parties may request consolidation following issuance of the expedited decision in Manteca's Case

IT IS SO ORDERED.



Clifford H. Woosley
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings