BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

and

OJAI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025070206

OAH CASE NUMBER 2025070706

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

AUGUST 18, 2025

On July 7, 2025, Parents on behalf of Student filed a due process hearing request with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, naming Ojai Unified School District, in OAH case number 2025070206. On July 18, 2025, Ojai Unified filed a due process hearing request with OAH naming Student in OAH case number 2025070706.

On August 12, 2025, Ojai Unified filed a motion to consolidate the above matters. Student does not oppose the motion.

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, both cases involve a common question of law or fact, specifically, Student requests further assessments of Student, among other issues; Ojai requests to assess Student without parental consent. In addition, consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy because both cases will involve overlapping witnesses and exhibits. Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

ORDER

1. Ojai Unified's Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. Student's case, OAH case number 2025070206, is designated as the primary case. All dates previously set in Ojai Unified's case, OAH case number 2025070706 are vacated.

3. The 45-day timeline for issuance of the decision in the consolidated cases shall be based on the date of the filing of the complaint in Primary Case, OAH case number 2025070206.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings