

**OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES – STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION
QUARTERLY DATA REPORT
THIRD QUARTER 2024 – 2025 FISCAL YEAR
JANUARY 1, 2025, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2025**

The Interagency Agreement, referred to as the “IA,” between the California Department of Education and the Office of Administrative Hearings, referred to as “OAH,” requires OAH to report certain information on a quarterly basis. The information included in this report is related to mediations and hearings, as well as information required by state and federal law. Where specific information in this report is identified by reference to a “task,” the “task” refers to a section of the IA by section, paragraph, and subdivision of Exhibit A of the IA.

The information contained in this report for the relative quarter of fiscal year 2024-2025 reflects the current data as of April 2025.

This report organizes the information in the following categories:

- Case Filings
- Closed Cases
- Due Process Hearings
- Resolution Sessions
- Mediations
- Expedited Hearings

CASE FILINGS

The data in these tables is required under Task 4.3 (b)(1). Additional detail and breakdown are provided to aid in understanding the case filing activity during the relevant quarter.

TYPES OF CASES FILED BY DISTRICTS

Type of Case Filed by Districts	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Request for Due Process Hearing with Mediation	78	65	92		235
Request for Due Process Hearing Only	0	0	0		0
Request for Due Process Hearing with Dual Issues	0	2	2		4
Request for Due Process Hearing with Expedited Issues	2	3	5		10
Request for Mediation Only	28	26	27		81
Total Cases Filed by Districts	108	96	126		330

In this table, each number in the "Total Cases Filed by Districts" row is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the "Year to Date" column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

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TYPES OF CASES FILED ON BEHALF OF STUDENTS

Type of Case Filed on Behalf of Students	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Request for Due Process Hearing with Mediation	1,114	1,016	995		3,125
Request for Due Process Hearing Only	3	6	2		11
Request for Due Process Hearing with Dual Issues	37	22	22		81
Request for Due Process Hearing with Expedited Issues	2	0	0		2
Request for Mediation Only	11	11	10		32
Total Cases Filed on Behalf of Students	1,167	1,055	1,029		3,251

Each number in the “Total Cases Filed on Behalf of Students” row in this table is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

TOTAL CASES FILED BY REQUESTING PARTY

Cases Filed by Requesting Party	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Total Cases Filed by Districts	108	96	126		330
Total Cases Filed on Behalf of Students	1,167	1,055	1,029		3,251
Total Cases Filed	1,275	1,151	1,155		3,581

In this table, each number in the “Total Cases Filed” row is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

TOTAL CASES FILED BY RESOLUTION PROCESS

Cases Filed by Type of Resolution Process	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Total Requests for Due Process Hearing, including with Mediation	1,236	1,114	1,118		3,468
Total Requests for Mediation Only	39	37	37		113
Total Cases Filed	1,275	1,151	1,155		3,581

The “Total Cases Filed” row in this table is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

CLOSED CASES

The data in these tables is required by Task 4.3(b)(3 and 10).

There are times when a decision is issued on expedited issues and a hearing on the remaining issues may not occur during the quarter. This may happen if the parties may reach an agreement on the remaining issues, the party that filed the case may decide to withdraw the case, the hearing may be scheduled for a date after the quarter ends, or there may be another reason. When this happens the number of cases closed because a decision was issued may not be the same as the number of hearings held, which is reported later in this report. An explanation for the difference, when there is one, will be added to explain the difference.

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CASES WITH DECISIONS ISSUED THAT WERE NOT CLOSED DUE TO DECISION ISSUANCE

There were three cases in the relevant quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year with decisions issued that were not closed due to decision issuance. One dual case had an expedited decision issued during the quarter, then closed due to petitioner withdrawal following the end of the quarter. Additionally, one dual case had an expedited decision issued during the quarter, then remained open after the end of the quarter pending the non-expedited hearing. Finally, one dual case had an expedited decision issued during the quarter, then closed due to settlement outside mediation or resolution session following the end of the quarter.

There was one case in the second quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year with a decision issued that was not closed due to decision issuance. One dual case had an expedited decision issued during the quarter, then remained open after the end of the quarter pending the issuance of the decision for the non-expedited hearing. Additionally, one due process hearing with mediation case was closed during the second quarter, but the decision was issued during the fourth quarter of the 2023-2024 fiscal year. This case had remained open pending ruling on a motion for sanctions. Because this case closed during the second quarter, its inclusion in the table below causes the number of cases with decisions issued that were not closed due to decision issuance to appear to be zero when it is in fact one (the dual case mentioned above).

There was one case in the first quarter of the 2024-2025 fiscal year with a decision issued that was not closed due to decision issuance. One dual case had an expedited decision issued during the quarter, then closed due to settlement outside mediation or resolution session following the end of the quarter.

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REASONS CASES WERE CLOSED

Reason Case Was Closed	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Decision Issued	25	20	17		62
Chose Not to Participate in Mediation for a Mediation-Only Case	6	14	10		30
Filing Party Failed to Amend a Complaint When Required	4	3	3		10
Inactivity	0	1	1		2
Motion to Dismiss was Granted	2	3	1		6
Parties Did Not Settle in a Mediation-Only Case	25	21	21		67
Parties Fully Settled at Mediation	104	70	67		241
Parties Settled During Resolution Session	25	21	7		53
Parties Settled, but Not at Mediation or Resolution Session	984	937	909		2,830
Filing Party Withdrew Their Case	115	89	121		325
Other	3	0	0		3
Total Cases Closed	1,293	1,179	1,157		3,629

Each number in the “Total Cases Closed” row in this table is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS

The data in these tables is required by Task 4.3(b)(4-9).

This data includes expedited hearings among all other hearings. For information specific to only the expedited hearing requests, refer to the [Expedited Hearing Requests](#) section of this report.

DUE PROCESS HEARINGS PENDING

At the time of this report, there are 1,129 due process hearings pending.

DUE PROCESS HEARING DECISIONS

Timelines of Issued Decisions	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Issued within Timeline, Including within Expedited Timeline	4	2	6		12
Issued within Extended Timeline	22	18	14		54
Issued after Timeline and Extension Expired	0	0	0		0
Total Number of Decisions Issued	26	20	20		66

In this table, each number in the “Total Number of Decisions Issued” row is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

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RESOLUTION SESSIONS

The data in these tables is required by Task 4.3(b)(2).

RESOLUTION SESSION OUTCOMES AS REPORTED

Resolution Session Statuses	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Due Process Hearing Requests Filed on Behalf of Students	1,156	1,044	1,019		3,219
Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Held	314	307	267		888
Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Waived with Intent to Use Mediation in Lieu Of	58	53	54		165
Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Not Held or No Data was Reported	784	684	698		2,166

In the "Resolution Session Outcomes as Reported" table, each number in the "Year to Date" column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it. The number in the fourth row ("Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Not Held or No Data was Reported") is calculated by subtracting the number in the same column of the second row ("Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Held") and the number in the same column of the third row ("Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Waived with Intent to Use Mediation in Lieu Of") from the number in the same column of the first row ("Due Process Hearing Requests Filed on Behalf of Students").

The "Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Waived with Intent to Use Mediation in Lieu Of" counts the responses indicating that a resolution session was not held because "The parties agreed to waive the resolution session and participate in mediation."

Beginning with the second quarter of fiscal year 2023-2024, the calculation for the "Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Not Held or No Data was Reported" was adjusted to comply with Task 4.5 of the IA.

MEDIATIONS

The data in these tables is required by Task 4.3(a)(1 and 5-9).

MEDIATION REQUESTS

Number of Mediation Requests by Case Type	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Number of Mediation Requests Not Related to Hearings	39	37	37		113
Number of Mediation Requests Related to Hearings	1,232	1,108	1,116		3,456
Total Number of Mediation Requests	1,271	1,145	1,153		3,569

Each number in the “Total Number of Mediation Requests” row in this table is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

MEDIATIONS HELD

Mediations Held by Case Type	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Mediations Held Not Related to Hearing Requests	28	21	22		71
Mediations Held Related to Hearing Requests	603	566	606		1,775
Total Number of Mediations Held	631	587	628		1,846

In this table, each number in the “Total Number of Mediations Held” row is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

MEDIATIONS NOT HELD

When a mediation is “not held,” this means it was canceled by one or both of the parties, continued to a different date, or canceled due to that case being closed.

Mediation Not Held	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Mediations Requested (see table on p. 9)	1,271	1,145	1,153		3,569
Mediations Held (see table on p. 9)	631	587	628		1,846
Total Number of Mediations Not Held	640	558	525		1,723

The “Total Number of Mediations Not Held” row is calculated by subtracting the number in the second row (“Mediations Held”) from the number in the first row (“Mediations Requested”) of the same column. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

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MEDIATION AGREEMENTS

The figures in this table represent instances where the filing party in a case reported a settlement was reached at mediation.

Mediation Agreements by Case Type	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Mediation Agreements Not Related to Hearing Requests	1	0	0		1
Mediation Agreements Related to Hearing Requests	55	47	34		136
Total Number of Mediation Agreements	56	47	34		137

In this table, each number in the “Total Number of Mediation Agreements” row is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

MEDIATIONS HELD NOT RESULTING IN AGREEMENT

Mediations without Agreements	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Mediations Held (see table on p. 9)	631	587	628		1,846
Mediations Resulting in Agreements (see prior table)	56	47	34		137
Total Number of Mediations without Agreement	575	540	594		1,709

The “Total Number of Mediations without Agreement” row is calculated by subtracting the number in the second row (“Mediations Resulting in Agreements”) from the number in the first row (“Mediations Held”) of the same column. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

COMPLIANCE COMPLAINT MEDIATIONS

The data in this table is required under Task 4.3 (a)(2-4).

Beginning on July 1, 2020, OAH began conducting compliance complaint mediations pursuant to the current IA with the California Department of Education, referred to as the "CDE." These mediations are not related to due process mediations and/or hearings.

Compliance complaints alleging a violation of special education law can be filed with the CDE, and the parties to the complaint can participate in mediation.

Compliance Complaint Mediations	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Number of Mediation Requests Related to Compliance Complaints Filed with the CDE	1	2	0		3
Mediations Held Related to Compliance Complaints Filed with the CDE	0	0	1		1
Mediation Agreements Related to Compliance Complaints Filed with the CDE	0	0	1		1

In the "Compliance Complaint Mediations" table above, each number in the "Year to Date" column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

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EXPEDITED HEARINGS

The data in these tables is required by Task 4.3(c)(1-5).

EXPEDITED HEARING REQUESTS

Expedited Hearing Requests by Requesting Party	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Number of Expedited Hearings Requested by Districts	2	5	7		14
Number of Expedited Hearings Requested on Behalf of Students	39	22	22		83
Total Number of Expedited Hearing Requests	41	27	29		97

Each number in the "Total Number of Expedited Hearing Requests" row in this table is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the "Year to Date" column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

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REASONS FOR CLOSURE FOR EXPEDITED HEARING REQUESTS

Reason Expedited Case was Closed	1st Quarter	2nd Quarter	3rd Quarter	4th Quarter	Year to Date
Decision Issued	0	0	2		2
Parties Settled at Mediation	4	4	2		10
Parties Settled at Resolution Session	1	0	0		1
Parties Settled, but Not at Mediation or Resolution Session	28	24	16		68
Party Withdrew Expedited Hearing Request	8	7	7		22
Total Expedited Cases Closed	41	35	27		103

In this table, each number in the “Total Expedited Cases Closed” row is the sum of the numbers in the column above it. Each number in the “Year to Date” column is the sum of the numbers in the row next to it.

RESOLUTION SESSIONS HELD FOR EXPEDITED HEARING REQUESTS

In the relevant quarter there were seven resolution sessions reported as held for expedited hearings requested. For fiscal year 2024-2025, there have been 23 resolution sessions reported as held for expedited hearings requested.

CHANGES OF PLACEMENT ORDERED IN EXPEDITED DECISIONS

In the relevant quarter there were three changes of placement ordered in the decisions issued following expedited hearings. For fiscal year 2024-2025, there have been four changes of placement ordered in the decisions issued following expedited hearings.

QUARTERLY REPORT CONTENT

Beginning with the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2018-2019, the content of the OAH Special Education Division's Quarterly Data Report was updated to conform with the information statutorily required by Ed Code 56504.5 (d) and CCR Title 5, 3092 (b).