

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

**SPECIAL EDUCATION DIVISION  
QUARTERLY DATA REPORT  
THIRD QUARTER 2025 – 2026 FISCAL YEAR  
JANUARY 1, 2026, THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026**

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 2025-2026 reflects the current data as of May 2026.

This report organizes the information in the following categories:

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

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## 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	86	88	113	N/A	287
Request for Due Process Hearing Only	0	0	0	N/A	0
Request for Due Process Hearing with Dual Issues	5	3	1	N/A	9
Request for Due Process Hearing with Expedited Issues	1	0	6	N/A	7
Request for Mediation Only	17	17	34	N/A	68
<b>Total Cases Filed by Districts</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>371</b>

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	1,103	1,018	1,096	N/A	3,217
Request for Due Process Hearing Only	6	4	10	N/A	20
Request for Due Process Hearing with Dual Issues	24	40	49	N/A	113
Request for Due Process Hearing with Expedited Issues	0	2	0	N/A	2
Request for Mediation Only	14	10	15	N/A	39
<b>Total Cases Filed on Behalf of Students</b>	<b>1,147</b>	<b>1,074</b>	<b>1,170</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,391</b>

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	109	108	154	N/A	371
Total Cases Filed on Behalf of Students	1,147	1,074	1,170	N/A	3,391
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,762</b>

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	1,225	1,155	1,275	N/A	3,655
Total Requests for Mediation Only	31	27	49	N/A	107
<b>Total Cases Filed</b>	<b>1,256</b>	<b>1,182</b>	<b>1,324</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,762</b>

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.

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## **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.

### **CASES WITH DECISIONS ISSUED THAT WERE NOT CLOSED DUE TO DECISION ISSUANCE DURING THE RELEVANT QUARTER**

There were two dual cases in the relevant quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year with decisions issued that were not closed due to decision issuance during the quarter. Two dual cases remained open after the end of the quarter, then closed due to petitioner withdrawal.

There were zero cases in the second quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year with decisions issued that were not closed due to decision issuance during the quarter.

There were three dual cases in the first quarter of the 2025-2026 fiscal year with decisions issued that were not closed due to decision issuance during the quarter. One dual case remained open after the end of the quarter, then closed due to issuance of the non-expedited decision. Two dual cases remained open after the end of the quarter, then closed due to settlement not at mediation or resolution session.

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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	13	26	19	N/A	58
Chose Not to Participate in Mediation for a Mediation-Only Case	6	6	13	N/A	25
Filing Party Failed to Amend a Complaint When Required	5	3	3	N/A	11
Inactivity	2	2	0	N/A	4
Motion to Dismiss was Granted	6	5	3	N/A	14
Parties Did Not Settle in a Mediation-Only Case	33	16	33	N/A	82
Parties Fully Settled at Mediation	75	69	57	N/A	201
Parties Settled During Resolution Session	12	15	11	N/A	38
Parties Settled, but Not at Mediation or Resolution Session	937	925	878	N/A	2,740
Filing Party Withdrew Their Case	111	132	123	N/A	366
Duplicate File	0	0	0	N/A	0
Voluntary Settlement Conference	0	0	0	N/A	0
<b>Total Cases Closed</b>	<b>1,200</b>	<b>1,199</b>	<b>1,140</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,539</b>

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.

Beginning with the first quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026, “Other” was removed from the table above, and the closure reasons it represented (“Duplicate File” and “Voluntary Settlement Conference”) were listed separately.

## 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 1,365 due process hearings pending.

### DUE PROCESS HEARING DECISIONS

<b>Timelines of Issued Decisions</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Issued within Timeline, Including within Expedited Timeline	5	2	6	N/A	13
Issued within Extended Timeline	11	24	15	N/A	50
Issued after Timeline and Extension Expired	0	0	0	N/A	0
<b>Total Number of Decisions Issued</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>63</b>

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	1,133	1,064	1,155	N/A	3,352
Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Held	331	264	275	N/A	870
Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Waived with Intent to Use Mediation in Lieu Of	48	69	59	N/A	176
Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Not Held	519	469	461	N/A	1,449
No Data was Reported	235	262	360	N/A	857

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 fifth row ("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"), 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"), and the number in the same column of the fourth row ("Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Not Held") 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 first quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026, the data point titled “Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Not Held or No Data was Reported” was split into two separate data points: “Number of Resolution Sessions Reported as Not Held” and “No Data was Reported.”

## 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	31	27	49	N/A	107
Number of Mediation Requests Related to Hearings	1,219	1,150	1,265	N/A	3,634
<b>Total Number of Mediation Requests</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,177</b>	<b>1,314</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>3,741</b>

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	34	16	35	N/A	85
Mediations Held Related to Hearing Requests	671	597	656	N/A	1,924
<b>Total Number of Mediations Held</b>	<b>705</b>	<b>613</b>	<b>691</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>2,009</b>

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.

<b>Mediation Not Held</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Mediations Requested (see table on p. 9)	1,250	1,177	1,314	N/A	3,741
Mediations Held (see table on p. 9)	705	613	691	N/A	2,009
<b>Total Number of Mediations Not Held</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>564</b>	<b>623</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1,732</b>

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.

<b>Mediation Agreements by Case Type</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Mediation Agreements Not Related to Hearing Requests	0	0	2	N/A	2
Mediation Agreements Related to Hearing Requests	56	54	45	N/A	155
<b>Total Number of Mediation Agreements</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>157</b>

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.

Beginning with the second quarter of fiscal year 2025-2026, the data point titled “Mediation Agreements Related to Hearing Requests” was expanded to include mediation agreements in Due Process Hearing Only cases. This change was made to ensure that all mediation agreements are reflected in this report. The figures for the first quarter have been updated in this report accordingly.

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## MEDIATIONS HELD NOT RESULTING IN AGREEMENT

<b>Mediations without Agreements</b>	<b>1st Quarter</b>	<b>2nd Quarter</b>	<b>3rd Quarter</b>	<b>4th Quarter</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>
Mediations Held (see table on p. 9)	705	613	691	N/A	2,009
Mediations Resulting in Agreements (see prior table)	56	54	47	N/A	157
<b>Total Number of Mediations without Agreement</b>	<b>649</b>	<b>559</b>	<b>644</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>1,852</b>

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.

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## 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.

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

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	6	3	7	N/A	16
Number of Expedited Hearings Requested on Behalf of Students	24	42	49	N/A	115
<b>Total Number of Expedited Hearing Requests</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>131</b>

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	1	1	4	N/A	6
Filing Party Failed to Amend a Complaint When Required	1	1	2	N/A	4
Inactivity	0	0	0	N/A	0
Motion to Dismiss was Granted	5	0	0	N/A	5
Parties Fully Settled at Mediation	0	2	4	N/A	6
Parties Settled During Resolution Session	0	0	1	N/A	1
Parties Settled, but Not at Mediation or Resolution Session	18	23	27	N/A	68
Filing Party Withdrew Their Case	6	4	6	N/A	16
Duplicate File	0	0	0	N/A	0
Voluntary Settlement Conference	0	0	0	N/A	0
<b>Total Expedited Cases Closed</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>106</b>

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 11 resolution sessions reported as held for expedited hearings requested. For fiscal year 2025-2026, there have been 34 resolution sessions reported as held for expedited hearings requested.

## **CHANGES OF PLACEMENT ORDERED IN EXPEDITED DECISIONS**

In the relevant quarter there was one change of placement ordered in the decisions issued following expedited hearings. For fiscal year 2025-2026, there have been three 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).