

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:

PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

AND

ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026080721

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026050560

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

AUGUST 20, 2026

On May 12, 2026, ABC Unified School District, called ABC, filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, a request for due process hearing in OAH case number 2026050560, called ABC's Case, naming Student.

On August 18, 2026, Student filed a request for due process hearing in OAH case number 2026080721, called Student's Case, naming ABC. On August 18, 2026, Student also filed a motion to consolidate Student's Case with ABC's Case.

On August 20, 2026, ABC filed a non-opposition response to Student's consolidation motion.

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].)

ABC's Case requests that OAH determine its February 2, 2026 multidisciplinary assessments appropriate. Student's Case include issues and allegations of free appropriate public education violations from an individualized education program developed from the February 2, 2026 multidisciplinary assessments. Both cases involve common questions of law or fact, specifically the February 2, 2026 multidisciplinary assessments. Consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy. ABC does not oppose the motion. Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

ORDER

1. Student's Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. Student's Case is designated as the primary case.
3. All dates previously set in ABC's Case, OAH case number 2026050560 are vacated.
4. The consolidated matter shall proceed on the dates set in Student's Case, OAH case number 2026080721.

5. 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 Student's Case, OAH case number 2026080721.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings