

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:
PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT

AND

STOCKTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026080704
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026080226

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

AUGUST 24, 2026

On August 6, 2026, Stockton Unified School District filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026080226, Stockton's Case, naming Parents on behalf of Student.

On August 18, 2026, Parents on behalf of Student filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026080704, Student's Case, naming Stockton Unified School District.

On August 19, 2026, the parties filed a joint motion to consolidate the cases.

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].)

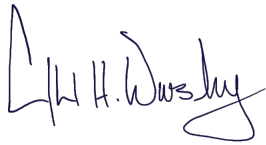
Here, both cases involve a common question of law or fact. Stockton's Case seeks an Order finding the Student's May 21, 2026 IEP, as finalized June 12, 2026, met all procedural requirements and made an appropriate offer of FAPE such that Stockton may implement the IEP without Parents' consent. Student's Case asserts that Stockton failed to offer Student a FAPE, in the May 21, 2026 IEP, as finalized June 12, 2026. Both cases concern the same IEP offers of FAPE and involve similar legal issues and factual disputes, which involve the same documentary and testimonial evidence. Consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy. Student did not oppose consolidation. Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

ORDER

1. The parties' joint Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. Student's Case, OAH case number 2026080704, is designated as the primary case.
3. All dates previously set in Stockton's Case, OAH case number 2026080226, are vacated.

4. All documents shall be filed in the Primary Case, OAH case number 2026080704, for these consolidated cases.
5. The scheduled prehearing conference and hearing dates in the Primary Case, OAH case number 2026080704, shall apply to these consolidated cases.
6. 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 the Primary Case, OAH case number 2026080704.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Clifford H. Woosley". The signature is stylized with a large initial "C" and "W".

Clifford H. Woosley

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings