

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:
PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

and

SADDLEBACK VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026080323
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026060199

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

AUGUST 24, 2026

On June 1, 2026, Saddleback Valley Unified School District filed a request for due process hearing, called a complaint, with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, in OAH case number 2026060199, Saddleback Valley's Case, naming Student.

On August 7, 2026, Student filed a complaint in OAH case number 2026080323, Student's Case, naming Saddleback Valley.

On August 7, 2026, Student filed a Motion to Consolidate the cases. On August 12, 2026, Saddleback Valley filed a statement of non-opposition to Student's motion.

A free appropriate public education is referred to as a FAPE. An individualized education program is referred to as an IEP.

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].)

Saddleback Valley's case addresses the appropriateness of its psychoeducational and speech and language assessments, as incorporated in the February 26, 2025 multidisciplinary assessment and report. Student's case alleges, in part, Saddleback Valley failed to offer a FAPE at the February 26, 2025 IEP team meeting, based on the February 26, 2025 multidisciplinary assessment report.

Here, both cases involve a common question of law or fact, specifically, whether Saddleback Valley's assessments were appropriate and whether Saddleback Valley offered Student a FAPE based on these assessments. Consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy because the cases involve the same parties, witnesses, and documentary evidence. In addition, consolidation is unopposed. Accordingly, Student's request to consolidate is granted.

ORDER

1. Student's Motion to Consolidate is granted.
2. Student's Case is designated as the primary case. All dates previously set in Saddleback Valley's Case, OAH case number 2026060199, 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 the primary case, Student's Case, OAH case number 2026080323.

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Jeanie Min

Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings