

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 2026050031
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026041014

ORDER FOLLOWING PREHEARING CONFERENCE
GRANTING STUDENT'S MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT

AUGUST 12, 2026

On April 17, 2026, Saddleback Valley Unified School District filed a Due Process Hearing Request, referred to as a complaint, with the Office of Administrative Hearings, naming Student. The Office of Administrative Hearings is referred to as OAH. On April 29, 2026, Student filed a complaint with OAH, naming Saddleback Valley, and requesting the consolidation of the cases. On May 4, 2026, OAH granted consolidation of the cases.

On August 6, 2026, Student filed a Motion to Amend the Due Process Hearing Request and an amended complaint. On August 10, 2026, Saddleback Valley filed a notice of non-opposition to the motion to amend.

On August 10, 2026, Administrative Law Judge Ted Mann held a telephonic prehearing conference. The Administrative Law Judge will be referred to as an ALJ. The prehearing conference will be referred to as a PHC.

Damian Fragoso, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Student. Shiksha Patel, Attorney at Law, appeared on behalf of Saddleback Valley. The PHC was recorded. Based upon discussion with the parties, the ALJ issues the following order:

An amended complaint may be filed when the other party consents in writing and is given the opportunity to resolve the complaint through a resolution session, or when the hearing officer grants permission. The hearing officer may grant permission at any time more than five days before the due process hearing. (20 U.S.C. § 1415(c)(2)(E)(i).) The filing of an amended complaint restarts the applicable timelines for the due process hearing. (20 U.S.C. § 1415(c)(2)(E)(ii).)

The motion to amend was filed more than five days prior to the due process hearing. Therefore, it is timely and is granted. The amended complaint shall be deemed filed on the date of this order. All applicable timelines shall be reset as of the date of this order. OAH will issue a scheduling order with the new dates for the consolidated cases.

ORDER INCLUDES ALL RULINGS

This order includes all rulings made at the PHC.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings