

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE MATTER OF:
PARENTS ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

v.

CULVER CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT.

OAH CASE NUMBER 2026031026

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO AMEND COMPLAINT

AUGUST 20, 2026

On March 23, 2026, Parents on behalf of Student filed a due process hearing request, called a complaint, with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, naming Culver City Unified School District, called Culver City. On June 8, 2026, in the Order Following Prehearing Conference Granting Request for Continuance, OAH set the hearing to begin on August 25, 2026.

On August 17, 2026, at a prehearing conference, Student notified OAH and Culver City he intended to file a motion to amend and amended complaint. Student requested OAH limit the response time for Culver City to respond, given the proximity of the first day of the due process hearing. At the prehearing conference, the ALJ denied Student's request. However, while Culver City maintains the right to respond

within the ordinary time periods, the ALJ may grant a timely motion to amend without consent or response from the opposing party. (See 20 U.S.C. § 1415(c)(2)(E)(i).)

On August 18, 2026, Student filed a motion to amend the due process hearing request and an amended complaint. OAH has not received a response from Culver City.

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.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings