

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE CONSOLIDATED MATTERS INVOLVING:

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT,

and

STANDARD SCHOOL DISTRICT,
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026070642
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026090580

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

SEPTEMBER 21, 2026

On July 14, 2026, Parent on behalf of Student filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026070642, Student's Case, naming Standard School District, called Standard.

On September 14, 2026, Standard filed a Request for Due Process Hearing in OAH case number 2026090580, Standard's Case, naming Student.

On September 14, 2026, Standard filed a Motion to Consolidate the cases and to continue the due process hearing date set in Student's case, OAH case number 2026070642 to those set in Standard's Case, OAH case number 2026090580. Student did not file a response to the motion.

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, specifically, the April 2026 psychoeducation evaluation and Student's request for a psychoeducational independent educational evaluation (IEE). Student did not file an opposition. In addition, consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy because the cases involve similar evidence and witnesses. Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

Standard requests that the consolidated cases be scheduled in accordance with the dates issued in Standard's case. Both cases are scheduled for a prehearing conference on September 28, 2026. The due process hearing in Student's case is scheduled for October 13, through 15, 2026. The due process hearing in Standard's case is scheduled for October 6, through 8, 2026. The parties agreed upon and requested the hearing dates in Student's case when they filed a joint request for mediation and continuance on July 21, 2026. Student's case is designated as the primary case. For these reasons, Standard's request to set the hearing for the dates in Standard's case is denied.

ORDER

1. Standard's Motion to Consolidate is granted.

2. Student's Case is designated as the primary case. All dates previously set in Standard's Case, OAH case number 2026090580 are vacated.
3. Standard's request to set the hearing for the dates in Standard's case is denied. The consolidated matters shall proceed on the dates previously set in Student's Case, OAH case number 2026070642.
4. 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 2026070642.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings