

BEFORE THE
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS
STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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

and

LUCIA MAR UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026071294
OAH CASE NUMBER 2026090590

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO CONSOLIDATE

SEPTEMBER 28, 2026

On July 30, 2026, Parents on behalf of Student filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings, called OAH, a request for due process hearing, called a complaint, in OAH case number 2026071294, called Student's case. Student's complaint named Lucia Mar Unified School District, called Lucia Mar.

On September 2, 2026, Lucia Mar filed a complaint in OAH case number 2026090590, called Lucia Mar's case, naming Student.

On September 21, 2026, Lucia Mar filed a motion to consolidate Student's case with Lucia Mar's case. On September 22, 2026, Student filed a non-opposition.

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, Student's case contends Lucia Mar's April 27, and April 30, 2026 assessment was incomplete and inaccurate, and Lucia Mar's individualized education program offers for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2026 school years based on those assessments denied him a free appropriate public education. Lucia Mar's case seeks a determination that the April 27, 2026 assessment was appropriate.

In addition, consolidation furthers the interests of judicial economy because the same witnesses and evidence will be presented in both cases. Consolidation will avoid the duplication of time, expense and resources involved in having these matters proceed to hearing separately, and avoid the possibility of conflicting results.

Accordingly, consolidation is granted.

ORDER

1. Lucia Mar's motion to consolidate is granted.
2. Student's case is designated as the primary case. All dates previously set in Lucia Mar's case, OAH case number 2026090590, are vacated.
3. The consolidated matters shall proceed on the dates previously set for hearing in Student's case, OAH case number 2026071294.

4. The 45-day timeline for issuance of the decision in the consolidated cases will be based on the date of the filing of the complaint in the primary case, OAH case number 2026071294.

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Administrative Law Judge

Office of Administrative Hearings