



California Department of Education finds Los Angeles Unified School District out of Compliance with Special Education Law

Description

On June 7, 2021 the California Department of Education (“CDE”) ruled on a complaint filed by Disability Rights California (“DRC”) that alleged that Los Angeles Unified School District (“LAUSD”) failed to comply with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (“IDEA”) during the COVID-19 pandemic. CDE found, among other things, that LAUSD was not conducting special education assessments or holding individualized education program (“IEP”) meetings in a timely manner.

Having found LAUSD out of compliance, CDE ordered a range of corrective measures on a strict timetable. CDE also ordered LAUSD to provide bi-weekly reports on the progress made on correcting violations of the law. Additionally, CDE ordered LAUSD to implement plans for providing students with disabilities compensatory services for the time period of the violations by December 31, 2021. Students first qualifying for an IEP and students with existing IEPs that received new or additional services may qualify for compensatory services from LAUSD.

For more information see the [press release on DRC’s website](#).

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