

Manifestation of Determination Review: Tips for Caregivers

This tip sheet is designed to help families develop a better understanding of a Manifestation of Determination Review (MDR).

<p>Purpose of MDR?</p>	<p>An MDR makes sure students receiving special education services for an identified educational disability do not receive disciplinary actions for behavior related to their disability.</p>
<p>When to conduct an MDR</p>	<p>An MDR occurs after a disciplinary action that changes of placement for the student with a disability</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The student has been removed for more than 10 school days in a row. 2. The student has several removals which are part of a pattern of behavior. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. The student's removals total more than 10 school days during the current academic year. b. There is a repeated behavior that is identified in similar discipline violations for the student. c. Additional reasons such as: length of each removal, total amount of time child has been removed, and closeness of removals to one another. <p><i>It should be noted that short-term removals (i.e., removals from the classroom, being sent to the office, etc.) <u>do not count</u> towards the 10 days.</i></p>
<p>When should you be contacted for an MDR?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Parents must be notified at least 24 hours prior to an MDR meeting, and no later than 10 school days following the incident to conduct a MDR. <input type="checkbox"/> MDR must be held within 10 school days of a decision to change a student's placement as a result of a disciplinary incident. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> » Can be conducted as soon as 24 hours following the incident in question » Must be held within 10 school days of the incident
<p>What is a student's "placement"?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Educational placement is identified as the special education services the student receives, not the location of the services. <input type="checkbox"/> Change of placement can include In-School Suspension, Out-School-Suspension, and/or placement in an alternative setting
<p>Resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> www.parentcenterhub.org/manifestation/ <input type="checkbox"/> www.parentcenterhub.org/disciplineregs

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