



MEDIATION AGREEMENT
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION
OFFICE OF SPECIAL EDUCATION
SFN 52942 (6/20/03)

Child/Student Initials	Date of Birth	Date & Place of Mediation
Mediation Issue(s) of Parents		
Mediation Issue(s) of School		
Parties: Each of you understands the preference for a limited number of participants at the meeting. At this time, the only participants who will be allowed into the session, without prior consent, will be:		
Parent(s)/Guardian(s)	School District Representative(s)	
Other Participants (please indicate relationship to child/student)		

Terms of Agreement: (use additional pages if necessary) The parties understand that mediation is an agreement-reaching process in which the mediator assists parties in reaching agreement in a collaborative and informed manner. It is understood that the mediator has no power to decide disputed issues for the parties. The parties understand that mediation is not a substitute for independent legal advice. The parties may secure such advice throughout the mediation process. The parties understand that the mediator has an obligation to work on behalf of all parties and that the mediator cannot render individual legal advice to any party and will not render therapy or arbitrate within the mediation.

Neither the mediator nor the mediator's records or notes will be available for further procedures such as a due process hearing. Any agreement reached will be reduced to writing and duplicate originals and duplicate originals given to the parents and the district.

Each of you should be aware that the length of the mediation is unknown. Please reserve the remainder of the day for the mediation.

The parties should understand that as mediator, my duty is to help the parents and the school district reach an agreement on the future placement and educational program for this child/student. While it is important and useful to review the past activities of the parties with respect to the placement and educational program of this child/student, the parties are urged to be particularly prepared to address the child/student's future placement and program. At the conclusion of mediation, all parties will discuss and agree how best and when to share the results of them mediation with other relevant parties.

Summary of Agreement

This mediation agreement is in effect for:
 _____ time specified in agreement
 _____ school year in question, or
 _____ until circumstances change as determined by the IEP team

Parent/Guardian Signature	Date
School District Representative Signature	Date
Mediator Signature	Date

Please mail to:

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 Office of Special Education
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