



Mediator Requirements

The Office for Dispute Resolution (ODR) does not provide initial training to mediators interested in contracting with ODR to provide mediator services. Rather, interested candidates must already possess training and experience in both mediation and special education law and procedures when applying for a contractor position with ODR.

Mediators must have their primary residence in Pennsylvania. Mediators must provide proof of the required insurances prior to the commencement of any work and must continue to maintain required insurances throughout the contract term.

As required by federal law, mediators must be impartial and, therefore, an individual who serves as a mediator may not be an employee of the state education agency (SEA) or the local education agency (LEA) that is involved in the education or care of the child; and must not have a personal or professional interest that conflicts with the person's objectivity.

Currently the Office for Dispute Resolution (ODR) is fully staffed and not seeking candidates to serve as mediators. If a need should arise to hire additional mediators, ODR will announce the position on its website.

However, if you would like to have your information on file at ODR for future needs, you may submit a cover letter and a current resume to:

Office for Dispute Resolution
ATTN: Cindy Judy, Legal Assistant
6340 Flank Drive
Harrisburg, PA 17112-2764

No telephone calls please.

ODR is an equal opportunity employer and, as such, encourages those from any and all diverse groups to apply, including without limitation those who are bilingual, have disabilities, or are minorities not specifically enumerated here.

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