

Due Process Complaint

Due process complaints are the most formal of the dispute resolution options available through Arizona Department of Education. Due process complaints may be filed on issues relating to the identification, evaluation, placement of a child, or the provision of a Free Appropriate Public Education to a child. Due process complaints are best suited for disputes concerning the content or quality of a student's IEP or special education services.

- More information about due process complaints is available at:
<http://www.azed.gov/disputeresolution/due-process-hearing/>
- Due process procedures can be found here:
<https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5b635a171dcb2509e41fe164>
- A model due process complaint form can be found here:
<https://cms.azed.gov/home/GetDocumentFile?id=5b6366441dcb2509e41fe181>

Due process complaints must be filed within two (2) years of the alleged violation.

You can read more about the due process complaint process in a series of blog posts on ACDL's website:

- Special Education Due Process System:
<https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/special-education-tip-day-special-education-due-process-system/>
- Due Process Steps and Important Timelines:
<https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/special-education-tip-day-overview-due-process-hearing-steps-important-timelines/>
- Insufficiency Objections and Amending the Due Process Complaint:
<https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/special-education-tip-day-due-process-insufficiency-objections-amending-due-process-complaint/>



- Early Resolution:
<https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/special-education-tip-day-due-process-early-resolution/>
- Prehearing Conference:
<https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/special-education-tip-day-due-process-pre-hearing-conference/>
- What Happens at the Due Process Hearing:
<https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/special-education-tip-day-due-process-happens-due-process-hearing/>
- Due Process Decisions and Availability of Appeals:
<https://www.azdisabilitylaw.org/special-education-tip-day-due-process-decision-availability-appeals-idea/>

