



COLORADO
Department of Education

Monthly Meeting

Implementing Special Education for Preschoolers in Universal Preschool

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Meeting Intentions



- Monthly virtual meeting - Second Tuesday of every month
- Meeting scope: Intersection of Special Education and Universal Preschool
- Audience: AU and LEA Special Education Directors, District level EC administrators, AU and LEA Fiscal representatives
- Hosted by CDE with field input in agenda planning, content and feedback loop, CDEC UPK staff invited
- Meant to be responsive, proactive, needs based & solution focused



Monthly Meeting Schedule for 23-24 School Year

**Second Tuesday of each
month from 2 - 3 p.m.**

[Zoom link \(register\)](#)

Remaining Dates:

May 14, 2024

Jun 11, 2024



Today's Agenda

- Overview of CDE's Resolution Procedures for Disputes related to Special Education and Universal Preschool
- Spring Results Matter Reminders
- CDEC Universal Preschool Updates:
 - 24-25 Enrollment of Preschoolers with IEPs
 - Quality Standards Rule Overview



CDE Resolution Procedures for Disputes

Special education-related disputes between Special Education Administrative Units (AUs) and CDEC Programs.

This dispute resolution process *does not apply to:*

- An Administrative Unit and the state Department of Early Childhood.
- IDEA related disputes between parents/guardians and education providers governed by Section 6 of the Exceptional Children's Educational Act.



CDE Resolution Procedures for Disputes

Why is this dispute resolution procedure in place?

- It's required by the state MOU. CDE was required to establish in ECEA Rule a special education dispute resolution process for AUs, related to Universal Preschool between AUs, Preschool Program Providers, or LCOs.
- Rules governing a dispute resolution process were established in ECEA Rule in June, 2023.

Who may initiate a request for dispute resolution?

- Per ECEA Rule *only an Administrative Unit may initiate* this dispute resolution process.



Steps in the Dispute Resolution Procedure

1. The parties discuss and attempt to resolve the dispute.
2. An AU submits a resolution request to the CDE and the other parties, describing the dispute.
3. CDE determines if the request fits within the scope of this process and informs the parties if the request is accepted or rejected.
4. CDE contacts the other parties to the dispute to request a written response within 15 calendar days.
5. CDE conducts a review and inquiry process.
6. CDE issues a written resolution decision within 45 calendar days.
7. CDE and CDEC enforce the written resolution decision.



CDE Authority and Rule


The State CDEC-CDE MOU

ECEA Rules

- Promulgated by the State Board of Education, June 2023
- Rule 2.13 Defines Department of Early Childhood Programs
- Rule 3.02(3)(b) (i) through (iv) Defines Dispute Resolution Process for Special Education-Related Disputes Between Administrative Units and Department of Early Childhood Programs



Dispute Resolution

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Special Education and Universal Preschool in Colorado

Standards have been identified by the Colorado Department of Education for educational environments in which Administrative Units place preschoolers with Individual Educational Programs (IEPs).

[CDE Standards for Placement of Preschoolers with IEPs in Educational Programs](#)

[Special Education Training and Authorization Requirements for Early Childhood Educators](#)

On this Page

- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- [Preschool Special Education Services 2022-24 School Year](#)
- [Resolution Procedures for Disputes](#)

Join our listserv - Preschool Special Education Administrator Updates: providing information and updates to administrators who serve children with IEPs in their programs. Notifications that relate to Results Matter, placement of children with IEPs in inclusive programs, professional learning related to preschool special education are among the topics that will be distributed through this list.

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Special Education and Universal Preschool in Colorado Landing page



Indicator 7 Reporting



Important Information for Results Matter Administrators

Spring Checkpoint is Friday, May 3rd!

Spring email blast for Results Matter:

[Important Information for RM Administrators](#)





Save the
Date

OSEP Indicator 7 Reporting Webinar

April 23, 2024

2:30 to 3:00 pm

[Zoom Link for Webinar](#)

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Mandated Report 2024