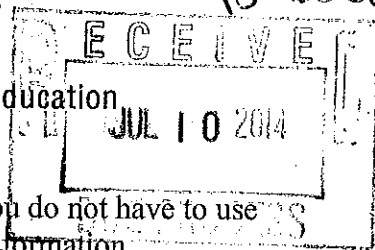


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Connecticut State Department of Education - Bureau of Special Education
Special Education Complaint Form

This is a recommended form for the filing of special education complaints. You do not have to use this form to file a complaint although it will help you to include the required information. (Questions may be directed to Bureau staff at 860-713-6928.) Please complete this form and forward to the parents or school district (as appropriate) and send a copy to:

State Department of Education
Bureau of Special Education
P.O. Box 2219 - Room 364
Hartford, CT 06145-2219

Date: * 7/9/14 Person/Agency filing the complaint: [Redacted]

Address: [Redacted]

CANTERBURY CT 06331
(town) (state) (zip)

Email: * [Redacted]

Parent's Name (if different): * [Redacted]

Phone: * [Redacted]

Child's Name [Redacted]

Date of Birth * [Redacted]

Education Agency (school district) * BERLIN ?

Name of School the Child Attends KILLINGLY HS Disability Category * LD

Child's Address: [Redacted]

BROOKLYN CT 06234
(town) (state) (zip)

Be specific as to why you believe that a requirement of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act has been violated. Include a description of the relevant facts, the nature of the child's problem and a proposed resolution of the problem to the extent known and available at this time. Please forward a copy of this complaint to the education agency. If necessary, you may attach additional sheets as well as documentation of your complaint allegations.

See Attached

CC: Berlin + Brooklyn Public Schools

Signature of Complainant [Redacted]

*Information requested is optional

██████████ has an IEP, dated 4/10/14, which indicates he has a summer school program at Killingly High School from July 1, 2014 to August 1, 2014, 4 days per week for three hours per day. (See attached) At the time the IEP was completed ██████████ nexus was Middletown. He lived in Brooklyn; therefore Middletown paid Brooklyn to transport him to school. Sometime in the beginning of June, Middletown received a 603 indicating they were no longer the nexus. Killingly was not aware of this until ██████████ didn't show up for the first day of summer school and they found that it was because he didn't have transportation ██████████. When Middletown was called they said they were no longer nexus, Berlin was. Killingly then called Brooklyn to ask if they would continue to provide the transportation but they declined until Berlin would be willing to pay for transportation. The DCF worker was called and said she had been told the parent had to register in Berlin first and prove her residency before they would pay for transportation. The DCF worker told me she had been trying to prod the parent and would drive over on Tuesday, July 8th, to get her to comply (as of noon today, the parent still has not provided residency proof to Berlin) (Usually the DCF worker registers the student in the new school; however this wasn't done even though the 603 was sent out in June). On July 7th the DCF worker asked me if she should ask the foster parent to drive. I agreed. ██████████ has been attending summer school but missed the first four days.

Because the IEP is a legal document and it wasn't being followed, I contacted Linda Holian, Berlin Director of Pupil Services, to inform her that I was filing a complaint. She explained that the district's lawyer stated that they needed to wait until ██████████ mother proved residency before she could pay for the transportation. She expressed frustration at the DCF worker for not getting this taken care of earlier. She later called me to say Berlin had agreed to provide transportation and that she called Brooklyn schools to set it up. She was informed that they would have to pass it by their superintendent before they could authorize anything. She then called Killingly and was told their director would call Brooklyn and see what they can do.

Proposed resolution:

- ██████████ should be provided compensatory services for the four days he was unable to attend summer school
- DCF needs to improve its services to school districts and surrogate parents, including sending timely 603s and registering students in new schools (This is a continuing problem)
- School systems need to recognize that their first priority is the student, not who will pay. That can be worked out later

Spak, Christine

Subject:

FW: Complaint 15-0022

From: Spak, Christine

Sent: Thursday, August 28, 2014 4:00 PM

To: [REDACTED] LHolian@Berlinschools.org

Subject: Complaint 15-0022

This is to notify the parties that this matter is now closed for reason that the complainant has withdrawn her complaint.

Christine B. Spak, J.D.

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