

Dispute Resolution Updates

Dispute Resolution Resources for Districts

The Center for Appropriate Dispute Resolution in Special Education (CADRE) has a number of resources specifically for school districts (along with data, resources for families, and other dispute resolution resources). On CADRE's ["For Districts" Webpage](#), districts can find FAQs about resources to prevent and resolve conflicts as early as possible, along with webinars, a district self-assessment for collaborative and early dispute resolution, and more. Check out [CADRE's](#) resources!

Welcoming Sound Options Cadre as Our New Mediation Provider

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) is pleased to announce that Sound Options Cadre began providing special education mediation and IEP facilitation services on September 1, 2025.

Sound Options Cadre will offer special education mediation and IEP facilitation services to families and local education agencies (LEAs) in Washington. As the successor to Sound Options Group, OSPI's long-time partner, Sound Options Cadre (SOC) brings together a team of highly qualified, experienced, and dedicated mediators and facilitators. The organization is also proud to carry forward the legacy of Greg Abell and will continue to partner with OSPI to carry out its commitment to ensuring that families and LEAs across Washington have access to high-quality special education dispute resolution options.

For more information on requesting mediation or facilitation, please visit: [OSPI Dispute Resolution](#) and www.soundoptionscadre.com or email SOC at info@soundoptionscadre.com. Keep an eye on OSPI and Sound Options Cadre's websites in the coming months for more information and updates.

