



Direct State Services- Equitable Services for Private School Children

The state education agency (SEA) process for providing equitable services directly where private school officials have requested and demonstrated a local education agency (LEA) is not meeting equitable services requirements includes:

1. If the appropriate nonprofit private school official believes that timely and meaningful consultation has not occurred, they should first discuss the concerns with the LEA point of contact responsible for coordinating the consultation and provision of services between the two entities (ESSA Section 1117(b)).
2. If, after discussing the concerns with the LEA, the nonprofit private school official still believes the issue(s) is unresolved, the official may contact the ESEA Equitable Services Ombudsman and an informal mediation may occur upon request.
3. In the event the problem is not resolved, the appropriate nonprofit private school officials have the right to file a formal written complaint with the SEA. To file a formal complaint to the SEA a private school official must follow the procedures outlined in the Equitable Services Complaint Form at the following link: [Equitable Services Complaint Form](#)
4. In the event that private school officials file a formal written complaint with the SEA and would like to request that the SEA provide equitable services directly, a formal request for direct services must be e-mailed to the ESSA Nonpublic Ombudsman at mschroeder@doe.nv.gov
5. If, after review, it is found that the LEA was not meeting equitable services requirements, the SEA will either provide equitable services directly or provide services through contracts with public or private agencies, organizations, or institutions.
6. The SEA will invoice the LEA involved for the equitable services provided.

Questions?

Please contact the Nevada Department of Education ESEA Equitable Services Ombudsman

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