

"Our [SpedEx consultant] did a very detailed and honest assessment of the placement."

---Family Advocate

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or
To Inquire About
Beginning SpedEx:

please email the program administrator

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also, visit

<http://spedexresolution.com/>



A Massachusetts Special Education
Dispute Resolution Option

SpedEx

For children, schools, and parents

- **Child-centered**
- **Appropriate program**
- **Trust-based**

When parents and schools disagree about

Free and **A**ppropriate **P**ublic **E**ducation
or the **L**east **R**estrictive **E**nvironment

If you have a rejected IEP
or if **mediation** or a **hearing** is scheduled...

- SpedEx provides a neutral consultant whom parents and schools jointly select
- To help you agree on appropriate services for the child and resolve your dispute yourselves

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“Thank you for your intensive research and time commitment to this case.”

---Parent

SpedEx...

- Provides a jointly agreed-upon independent SpedEx consultant to review evidence and advise the parties on a free appropriate public education (FAPE) in the least restrictive environment (LRE) for the child
- The consultant’s services are designed to help the parties resolve their dispute themselves
- Designed to ensure a child receives appropriate services
- Voluntary and builds trust between parents and schools
- FREE to schools and parents
- Expedient (recommendation report typically provided within 30 school days)
- Does not require parties to waive rights. They can proceed through the various dispute resolution options provided by the BSEA at any time

The consultant is chosen from a list available for review on the SpedEx website

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over 90 % of cases result in a signed IEP¹

SpedEx helps build working relationships --parents and school use the SpedEx consultants’ recommendations to resolve their dispute themselves.

When to choose SpedEx:

*The parents rejected an IEP or mediation or a hearing is scheduled
And...*

The school and the parents:

- *Dispute whether the proposed IEP offers an appropriate program or*
- *Dispute what services the child needs in order to receive appropriate services and placement*

If so, consider using SpedEx

Five Steps:

- 1. Parents & school agree to use SpedEx process**
- 2. SpedEx Consultant selected jointly by school & parents reviews the case**
--interviews, observations, document review
- 3. Consultant recommends appropriate services in a written report within 30 school days**
- 4. Parents and school meet to discuss a new IEP**
- 5. If parties agree with the recommendations, they develop an IEP to reflect them. It is then implemented and the consultant can observe the student in the accepted program thereafter**

“SpedEx provided a neutral perspective that gave both parties more information to make a decision.”

---Assistant Director of Special Education

¹ as of November, 2019