Connecticut State Department of Education Bureau of Data Collection, Research and Evaluation

# Due Process Hearing Requests Resolution Meetings Data Collection Handbook-Reference Guide

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CAUTION: The Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act (FERPA; 20 U.S.C. § 1232g; 34 CFR Part 99) prohibits disclosure of personally identifiable information from students' education records.

DO NOT EMAIL STUDENT NAMES. You may email student SASIDs.



#### Handbook / Reference Guide

### **Due Process Hearing Requests - Resolution Meetings Data Collection**

Beginning with the 2011-12 school year, Resolution Meetings has a new data collection which displays existing hearing request cases, and collects data regarding the results of each resolution meeting, in a way that captures whether the resolution meeting was either held or waived within the required timeframe. It is a requirement by Section 300.510(a)(1) of IDEA to offer a resolution meeting for each hearing within 15 calendar days of the date the hearing request was received.

#### **Data Collection**

Each district is presented with a list of individual students which have had a hearing request initiated by a parent, student or parent surrogate, and currently reported in the State Department of Education managed Due Process system between July 1 and June 30.

SEDAC determines the date the meeting is due by and if the results met the required 15 calendar day timeline. The DATE HEARING REQUEST RECEIVED is day 0 of the timeline. The Resolution meeting is considered timely when the resolution meeting was held or waived by the 15<sup>th</sup> calendar day after the date the hearing request was received by the LEA (as reported in the Due Process system).

Each district will no longer need to track aggregate numbers for expedited and non-expedited meetings. The original hearing requests reported in the State Department of Education managed Due Process system along with the district level SEDAC Due Process Hearing Requests data collection results, will produce the aggregate numbers for use in federal, state and departmental reporting requirements.

#### Time Periods and Deadlines

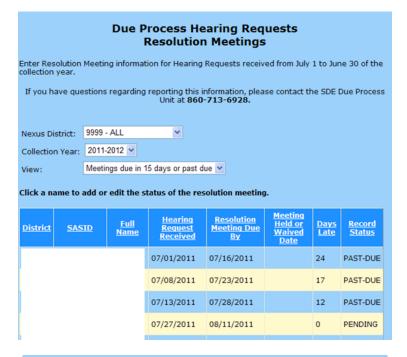
- Anticipated opening of collection is typically July 1 of the current school year.
- Anticipated closure of collection is typically August 9 of the next school year.

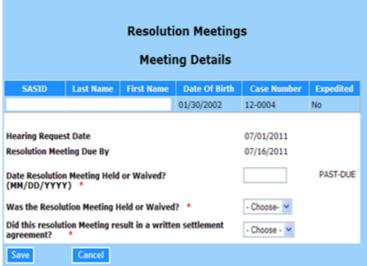
#### **District Certification**

There is no automated certification process. It is the responsibility of district to complete the Due Process Hearing Requests data collection for each student where a hearing request exists in the State Department of Education managed Due Process system.

#### **Data Fields**

#### Due Process Hearing Requests - Resolution Meetings





#### **Data Fields**

**District** 

The District of the student as recorded in the Due Process system.

Collection Year

The Resolution Meeting collection year, based on the Hearing Request Date between July 1 and June 30.

<b>Due Process Case Number</b>	Case Number of student as reported in Due Process system.			
SASID	SASID of student as reported in Due Process system.			
Name	Student's first and last name as reported in the Due Process system.			
Hearing Request Received	The date the hearing request was received by SDE or the district, as reported in the Due Process system.			
Decelution Meeting Due Dy	The last date before the resolution meeting is considered late.  Rules  15 calendar days after the HEARING REQUEST RECEIVED date,			
Resolution Meeting Due By	where this date is considered day zero.  Values			
	N/A			
	Indicates if the meeting was held or waived. If a waiver is not received, the meeting must be held.			
Was the Resolution Meeting Held or Waived?	Rules  Required if DATE RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED entered			
J	Values			
	<ul><li>Held</li><li>Waived</li></ul>			
	The date of the meeting or the date the waiver was signed and received by the district.			
	Rules			
Date Resolution Meeting Held or Waived	<ul> <li>Required if RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED entered</li> <li>Cannot be future date</li> <li>Cannot be before July 1 of the current collection year</li> <li>Cannot be before the Hearing Request Date</li> </ul>			
	Values			
	■ MMDDYYYY			
Days Late	DAYS LATE is the number of days past the RESOLUTION MEETING DUE BY date.			

	Rules			
		If RESOLUTION MEETING DUE BY is prior to today, the DAYS LATE is displayed		
	Values			
		■ N/A		
		cates whether the resolution meeting was held or waived within the 15 day andar day requirement.		
	Rul	es		
On-time / Late		Calculated at save based on the DATE RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED		
		If DATE RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED is past the RESOLUTION MEETING DUE BY date, then display <b>Late</b> , if not display <b>On-time</b> .		
		If no DATE RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED has been entered and calculated RESOLUTION MEETING DUE BY has not passed, show "Pending".		
		If no DATE RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED has been entered and calculated RESOLUTION MEETING DUE BY has passed, show "Past Due".		
	Val	ues		
		Pending Past Due On-time		
		Late		
	Indi	cates whether a written agreement resulted from the resolution meeting.		
	Rules			
Did this resolution meeting result in a written		Required if RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED is <b>Held</b>		
settlement agreement?	Val	ues		
		<ul><li>No</li><li>Yes</li></ul>		



# How to add the Resolution Meetings data to SEDAC

Each district is presented with a list of individual students which are reported in the State Department of Education managed Due Process system between July 1 and June 30. Each student listed has had a hearing request initiated by a parent, student or parent surrogate. Use this procedure to enter your resolution meeting data.

#### **Prerequisites**

- Authorization for the SEDAC: Special Education Data Application and Collection system
- SEDAC open
- The collected data for entry into the system

#### Step Action

- 1 Log-in to SEDAC (Batch and Online Entry)
- 2 Select **Reporting** from the SEDAC Management menu.
- 3 Select Mandatory Off-cycle Reports
- 4 Select **Due Process Hearing Requests**. The system displays a list of students on the *Due Process Hearing Requests Resolution Meetings* screen.
- **5** Is there a student displayed on this report?
  - > Yes Go to Step 6.
  - > No This procedure is complete.
- 6 Select the NAME of your student. The system displays the *Meetings Details* screen.
- 7 Review the DATE HEARING REQUEST RECEIVED and RESOLUTION MEETING DUE BY.
- 8 Enter the DATE RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED.
- **9** Enter the RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED.
  - If Held Go to Step 10.
  - If Waived Go to Step 11.
- 10 Enter DID THIS RESOLUTION MEETING RESULT IN A WRITTEN SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.
- 11 Select Save when complete.
  - > RECORD STATUS is calculated for each student.
    - If DATE RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED is before RESOLUTION MEETING DUE BY, then RECORD STATUS is On-Time

- If DATE RESOLUTION MEETING HELD OR WAIVED is after RESOLUTION MEETING DUE BY, then RECORD STATUS is Late
- > The system displays



- **12** Select OK. The system redisplays the *Due Process Hearing Requests Resolution Meetings* screen.
- 13 This procedure is complete.

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