



AGENDA

IDEA SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDIATOR TRAINING
NEW YORK STATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

VIRTUAL PROGRAM

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2020
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2020 – THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2020 (REPEAT)

Day 1:

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| 8:30 a.m. – 8:45 a.m. | Introductions, Housekeeping, and Notebook of Materials |
| 8:45 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. | History of Special Education

Mr. Merced will review how courts and school districts treated children with disabilities in the “early days,” and how special education law evolved. |
| 9:00 a.m. – 9:15 a.m. | Alphabet Soup

Mr. Merced will review common acronyms used in special education. |
| 9:15 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. | An Overview of Special Education Processes

Mr. Merced will provide an overview of the various special education processes available under IDEA to allow mediators to see how mediation fits in and recognize the various stages when mediation is available to the parties. |
| 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. | Break |
| 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. | IDEA – The Basics |
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Participants will take a brisk walk through the IDEA scheme to get a “feel” for how it works (and does not work) and get insight regarding particular areas where significant substantive issues may arise for mediators.

- 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. IDEA – The Basics (cont.)
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. IDEA – The Basics (cont.)

Day 2:

- 8:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. Procedures and Policies

Mr. Merced will review procedures and policy considerations pertinent to mediators.
- 10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Break
- 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Basic Mediation Procedures, Managing the Process and Writing the Agreement

Mr. Merced will discuss various aspects of the mediation process and offer some strategies to consider when mediating special education disputes.
- 12:00 p.m. – 12:30 p.m. Lunch
- 12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. Basic Mediation Procedures, Process Management, and Writing the Agreement (cont.)
- 2:30 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. Break
- 2:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Basic Mediation Procedures, Process Management, and Writing the Agreement (cont.)