

Part B Dispute Resolution Data Notes

2014-15 Reporting Year

This document provides information or data notes on the ways in which states collected and reported data differently from the Office of Special Education Programs (OSEP) data formats and instructions. In addition, the data notes provide explanations of substantial changes or other changes that data users may find notable or of interest in the data from the previous year.

Florida

During the 2014-15 school year, complaints in one district rose significantly. These were mostly filed by the same group of advocates. The district is currently completing corrective actions related to findings in some of the complaints filed by this group. Additionally, more complaints were filed through other advocates in the past year.

Idaho

Idaho has four options to choose from when looking at Dispute Resolution. While the state is experiencing strong facilitation growth of 20% per year, we are experiencing decreases in all other processes.

Virginia

The Virginia Department of Education's (VDOE) hearing officers and complaint specialists strongly promote the mediation process, as a means for resolving disputes. A symposium was held for advocates last summer which highlighted mediation. The VDOE have seen a corresponding decrease in complaints this past year as mediation requests have increased.