

MARYLAND VOLUNTEER LAWYERS SERVICE PROJECT INFORMATION

English Version:

Maryland Volunteer Lawyers Service (MVLS) has launched the Special Education Project to match eligible students with disabilities with qualified advocates, consultants, and attorneys who will provide free services to the student and their family. These services will be paid for by the Special Education Fund, up to \$5,000 per case and up to \$20,000 over the eligible student's lifetime (based on available funds).

You may be eligible for the Special Education Project if:

1. You are a student (or the parent of a student) with a disability)
2. Your household income is no more than 150% of the guidelines provided by the Maryland Legal Services Corporation. As of fiscal year 2026, for a family of four, that is no more than \$115,589 (please see the full income eligibility guidelines at www.mvlslaw.org/free-legalhelp/eligibility/);
3. You have already attempted to resolve the disagreement with the school about special education services; AND
4. Your case fits one of the following criteria:
 - a. The school is proposing a more or less restrictive placement and the parent disagrees,
 - b. The school is proposing a reduction in IEP services and the parent disagrees,
 - c. The school has suspended or removed the student from school for more than ten (10) days,
 - d. The school has requested a due process hearing against the student or their parent,
 - e. The school has restrained or placed the student in seclusion more than ten (10) times,
 - f. The school has proposed an alternative education program for the student and the parent disagrees, or
 - g. The parent's native language is not English and the parent seeks assistance with navigating the special education needs of the student.

For more information please visit: www.mvlslaw.org/about-us/what-we-do/ or contact special education intake between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. on Monday through Thursday by phone at 833-216-6630 or email at specialeducation@mvlslaw.org.
