

Benefits of ADR?

- **FREE:** ADR provides free, neutral services at no cost to interested parties
- **CONFIDENTIAL:** The ADR process is confidential and voluntary
- **FAST AND CONVENIENT:** Parties choosing to engage in ADR receive resolution at the local level and in a timely manner
- **COLLABORATIVE RESULTS:** Families and school teams work together to establish mutual agreements through proactive and intentional planning
- **LEGAL PROTECTION:** Families maintain rights to due process under Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)
- **INDIVIDUALIZATION:** ADR sessions are customized to meet unique situations and needs of all involved parties

How do I start the ADR Process?

Complete the Google referral form found at www.sdcoe.net/scselpa-adr or if unable to access the form, call 619-470-5252 for assistance.

Is ADR Mandatory?

No, participation in ADR is voluntary and based upon both the parents and the District wanting to reach agreement. Parents may withdraw from the process at any time.



CONTACT INFORMATION

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What is ADR? (Alternative Dispute Resolution)

ADR is a voluntary process for resolving special education conflict in a neutral, respectful, and caring environment. It uses clear communication, collaboration, negotiation, and mediation to produce a fair agreement that meets the interest of all parties involved. The ADR process allows the parties to come up with an innovative and jointly agreeable outcome.

Why Should You Choose ADR?

ADR is for families and districts who want to work together to resolve disagreements and create collaborative working relationships that benefit the student.



Services We Provide*

INFORMAL ADR OPTIONS:

- **Resource Parent Support:** Resource assistants provide information and support to families in Special Education
- **Neutral SELPA Case Review:** A neutral party review that may include records review, observation or student and/or environment, and/or verbal communication to provide an analysis of the current area of concern
- **Neutral SELPA IEP Support:** Recommended when the IEP meeting would benefit from the added support of a neutral to ask for clarification and to ensure positive reciprocal communication

FORMAL ADR OPTIONS:

- **Facilitated IEP (SELPA or Third Party):** A Neutral will facilitate a formal IEP meeting to address concerns related to the IEP
- **Early Dispute Resolution Mediation:** A trained mediator works with parents and districts to resolve a prospective dispute at the earliest opportunity
- **Facilitated Resolution Meeting:** A neutral facilitator(s) helps parties complete the legally required resolution meeting in a collaborative manner

** see website for more information*