

SCOTTSBLUFF PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Scottsbluff, Nebraska

**SPECIAL EDUCATION - Due Process Hearings**

- A. A parent or Scottsbluff Public Schools may initiate a hearing on any of the matters described in federal and state laws relating to the identification, evaluation or educational placement of the child with a disability or the provision of a free appropriate public education (FAPE) to the child by filing a petition pursuant to federal and state laws.
- B. When a hearing is initiated, the Scottsbluff Public Schools will inform the parents of the availability of mediation described in federal and state laws.
- C. Scottsbluff Public Schools will inform the parent of any free or low-cost legal and other relevant services available in the area if the parent requests the information or if the parent or Scottsbluff Public Schools initiates a hearing.
- D. Any party to a due process hearing has the right to be accompanied and advised by counsel and by individuals with special knowledge or training with respect to the problems of children with disabilities.

**Legal Reference: Federal Regulation 34  
CFR 300; Nebraska  
Statutes 79-1110 to 79-1178; 92 NAC 51:009.13**

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