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Mediation Rules for Special Education

In order for mediation to be effective, the rules governing mediation must be clear to the parties and participants. The parties and participants need to agree to abide by the same rules, otherwise mediation cannot be productive. The following represent some basic rules. The parties and mediator may agree to amend these rules.

I agree

- that the focus of the session is on present concerns rather than past problems.
- to share information openly regarding present and future plans.
- to put my anger aside and deal with the issues in a fair manner.
- that discussion during the mediation session is confidential.
- that the mediator will not be called as a witness in future legal proceedings.
- that the mediation session may not be recorded.
- that each party will be given an uninterrupted opportunity to express views.
- that the mediator will have the power to remove any disruptive participants.
- that neither party may bring an attorney as their legal representation to the session
- that each party may bring up to three people to the session, parents may invite two additional people.
- that a copy of the mediated agreement will be sent to Office for Dispute Resolution
- that a copy of the mediated agreement will be included in the student's school file.
- to abide by the mediated agreement developed on _____.

Date

Parent Signature

Agency Signature

Parent Signature

Participant Signature

Participant Signature

Participant Signature

Participant Signature

Mediator Signature

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