

The Resolution Period

The resolution period begins the day the hearing office receives your request.

The resolution period is a 30 calendar day period during which your district will meet with you to discuss and attempt to resolve the issues brought forth in your impartial hearing request. There can be no contact with the hearing officer during this 30 day period with the exception of pendency hearings.

The district office will contact you and schedule a resolution meeting within 15 calendar days.

If you receive no contact from the district within the 15 days you can then contact the impartial hearing and request that the hearing be scheduled.

Attending a resolution session does not prevent you from going to hearing.

There are 3 possible outcomes to a resolution session, Successful, Unsuccessful and Partially Successful. The determination of an outcome ends the resolution period.

Unless both parties come to a full agreement at the resolution session, the issue will proceed to hearing.

Once you sign a resolution agreement at a resolution meeting you have 3 business days to void that agreement. After that you will need to request another impartial hearing to reopen the case.

It is recommended that you attend the resolution meeting; however you may decide you don't wish to do so. If you do not wish to participate in a resolution meeting, you may request to waive the resolution period. If the district agrees, the issue will proceed to hearing. If both parties do not agree in writing to waive the resolution period, a resolution meeting will be scheduled.

If your resolution outcome is such that your issue will proceed to hearing, you will then hear from the impartial hearing office to schedule a hearing within 14 days of the resolution period's end date.

If there is a dispute regarding the child's pendency, or last agreed upon placement, a pendency hearing can be scheduled during the resolution period before the impartial hearing, this hearing is strictly to decide upon the issue of pendency.