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To: Educational Programs

From: Compliance Support Services

**Topic: Compliance Information Bulletin Number 10
Electronic recordings of IEPs**

May a parent audio or video tape an IEP meeting? What is the procedure for doing so?

Generally, state law will determine if a parent may tape-record or audio-record (“record”) a meeting. However, when a parent can demonstrate that tape-recording is necessary for understanding the proceedings, then the IDEA overrides any conflicting state law and requires the school district to permit the parent to record the meeting.

California Education Code Section 56321.5 states:

The copy of the notice of parent rights shall include the right to electronically record the proceedings of IEP program meetings as specified in Section 56341 (Discussion of an IEP Team meeting).

The Answer Book on Special Education Law, Third Edition by Susan Gorn. LRP Publications

Attachment

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