

MDR

Manifestation Determination Review



What is a MDR?

A Manifestation Determination Review (MDR) is a meeting held when a student with an IEP (Individualized Education Program) is facing suspension or expulsion for more than 10 days that results in a change of placement. A change of placement occurs if:

- The removal is for more than 10 consecutive days, or
- The removal is more than 10 cumulative school days in a school year or
- The student has been subjected to a series of removals that constitute a pattern or
- The child's behavior is substantially similar to the child's behavior in previous incidents that resulted in the series of removals.

There are state and federal laws in place regarding students with disabilities that require schools to notify and inform parents of certain changes being made to their student's educational program. Parents must be informed when the school district proposes a disciplinary removal that will constitute a change in placement. Families should receive [notice](#).

A Manifestation Determination Review must be held within 10 school days after the date on which the decision to change the child's placement is made because of a violation of a code of student conduct. The purpose of this meeting is to decide if the conduct in question was caused by, or had a direct and substantial relationship to, the child's disability and if the conduct in question was the direct result of the school's failure to implement the IEP. At the MDR meeting, the team will go over the Manifestation Determination Review [worksheet](#).

