

AGENDA

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION IDEA ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING COMMISSIONER TRAINING

Administrative Hearing Commission
United States Post Office Building, Third Floor
131 West High Street, Jefferson City, MO

Thursday, September 19, 2019

9:30 a.m. – 10:15 a.m.

Legal Update

In this abbreviated legal update, Mr. Merced will review recent 8th Circuit Court of Appeals and Missouri federal district court decisions, with an emphasis on those IDEA decisions that have practical implications for Commissioners.

10:15 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Update on Office of Special Education Policy (OSEP) Letters

In this session, Mr. Merced will review recent OSEP policy letters of significance to IDEA hearings.

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Applying IDEA's Statute of Limitations

Mr. Merced will lead an interactive discussion on how to address disputes regarding IDEA's statute of limitations

12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.

Lunch (on your own)

12:45 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Refresher on IDEA's Timelines from Complaint to Decision

No other administrative due process hearing procedures have as many timelines as IDEA. This session will provide a thumbnail review of the various timelines in IDEA non-discipline, discipline, and LEA-initiated due process complaints.

1:30 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Developing the Record: When and How

To fulfill an IDEA hearing officer's core responsibility to determine the issue(s) presented for hearing may

require the hearing officer to clarify and/or complete the record. Mr. Merced will discuss the importance of carefully determining when and how to do so.

2:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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Mr. Merced will address other items identified by the Commissioners and will also afford the Commissioners the opportunity to raise and discuss problems or issues they have encountered (e.g., applicability of FERPA to emails; availability of discovery in IDEA hearings; interplay between state complaints and IDEA hearings).