

WYOMING DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS DIVISION
SPECIAL EDUCATION COMPLAINT INVESTIGATION

Complaint Case: C-016-21

Decision Date: June 25, 2021

Public Agency: Natrona County School District #1
970 North Glenn Road
Casper, WY 82601

Issues Investigated and Decision:

1. Whether the District failed to address alleged bullying of the Student and consequently denied the Student a FAPE in violation of 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.17 and 300.101.
 - a. Whether the District developed and implemented an IEP to address the Student's unique educational, behavioral, and emotional needs to enable the Student to be involved in and make progress in the general curriculum as required by 34 C.F.R. § 300.320(a); and

WDE finds a violation. The District developed an IEP to address the Student's unique educational needs but failed to implement the Student's IEP in the LRE due to staff shortages.

- b. Whether the District appropriately determined the Student's placement consistent with the Least Restrictive Environment (LRE), requirements pursuant to 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.114 through 300.117

WDE finds no violation. The District appropriately determined the Student's Least Restrictive Environment.

2. Whether the District complied with the IDEA's procedural requirements. Specifically,
 - a. Whether the District provided the Complainant the opportunity to participate in the IEP process and IEP team decisions consistent with 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.322, 300.324(a), and 300.327;

WDE finds no violation. The Parent actively participated in the special education process, including the Student's placement determination.

The district is required to correct the identified violations via a corrective action plan. The WDE will monitor and document compliance with the corrective action order. Once all corrective action is complete, the WDE will close the case.