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

Complaint Case: C-021-21

Decision Date: November 19, 2021

Public Agency: Laramie County School District #1

280 House Avenue Cheyenne, WY 82009

Issues Investigated and Decision:

1. Whether the District denied the Student FAPE by failing to provide transportation as a related service in order for the Student to access his special education in violation of 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.17, 300.34 and 300.101; and

WDE finds no violation. The District was not obligated to provide transportation to the location preferred by the parent because it wasn't required for the Student to receive FAPE.

2. Whether the District unilaterally amended the Student's IEP by removing transportation as a related service in contravention of 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.17 and 300.324.

WDE finds a procedural violation. Transportation was not included in the Student's IEP until September 20, 2021. District staff thought the Student's individual transportation plan (ITP) was sufficient to meet its obligations under the IDEA. The missing documentation in the IEP resulted in a procedural violation.

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.