Discipline Action Review (Manifestation)

What is it?

When any disciplinary action that constitutes a change of placement is contemplated for a child with a disability a manifestation determination meeting must be held.

A discipline action review is required if a removal is for 10 consecutive school days or a series of removals that constitute a pattern as established by the following:

- more than 10 cumulative school days;
- similarity of behaviors; and
- length of each removal and proximity of removals to one another.

AND

If any of the following are true:

- At the time of the incident, the student had a disability (IDEA or 504)
- The student is in the multidisciplinary evaluation process
- The parent(s) has/have expressed in writing to supervisory personnel that the student was in need of special education and related services
- The parent(s) has/have requested in writing a multidisciplinary evaluation
- The student's teacher has expressed concerns about a pattern of behavior to the district's director of special education or other district supervisory personnel.

How is it done?

As soon as possible, but not later than 10 schools days after the date on which the decision is made to take the action, the IEP Team including the parents and other qualified personnel must meet to review the relationship between the child's disability and the behavior subject to the disciplinary action to determine whether or not the behavior in question was a manifestation of the student's disability.