

Procedure for Filing a Title VI Complaint

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The complaint procedures apply to the beneficiaries of Special Learning Center's programs, activities, and services.

RIGHT TO FILE A COMPLAINT: Any person who believes they have been discriminated against on the basis of race, color, or national origin by Special Learning Center may file a Title VI complaint by completing and submitting the agency's **Title VI Complaint Form**. Title VI complaints must be received in writing within 180 days of the alleged discriminatory complaint.

HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT:

You may request the Special Learning Center Title VI Complaint Form by emailing staff@speciallearningcenter.com or by writing to Special Learning Center, 1115 Fairgrounds Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109. Information on how to file a Title VI complaint may also be obtained by calling Special Learning Center at 573-634-3070.

You may file a signed, dated complaint no more than 180 days from the date of the alleged incident. The complaint should include:

- Your name, address and telephone number.
- Specific, detailed information (how, why and when) about the alleged act of discrimination.
- Any other relevant information, including the names of any persons, if known, the agency should contact for clarity of the allegations.

Please submit your complaint form to Special Learning Center, 1115 Fairgrounds Rd., Jefferson City, MO 65109.

COMPLAINT ACCEPTANCE: Special Learning Center will process complaints that are complete. Once a completed Title VI Complaint Form is received, Special Learning Center will review it to determine if Special Learning Center has jurisdiction. The complainant will receive an acknowledgement letter informing them whether or not the complaint will be investigated by Special Learning Center.

INVESTIGATIONS: Special Learning Center will generally complete an investigation within 90 days from receipt of a completed complaint form. If more information is needed to resolve the case, Special Learning Center may contact the complainant. Unless a longer period is specified by Special Learning Center, the complainant will have ten (10) days from the date of the letter to send requested information to the Special Learning Center investigator assigned to the case.

If the requested information is not received within that timeframe the case will be closed. Also, a case can be administratively closed if the complainant no longer wishes to pursue the case.

LETTERS OF CLOSURE OR FINDING: After the Title VI investigator reviews the complaint, the Title VI investigator will issue one of two letters to the complainant: a closure letter or letter of finding (LOF).

- A closure letter summarizes the allegations and states that there was not a Title VI violation and that the case will be closed.

- A Letter of Finding (LOF) summarizes the allegations and provides an explanation of the corrective action taken.

If the complainant disagrees with Special Learning Center's determination, the complainant may request reconsideration by submitting the request in writing to the Title VI investigator within seven (7) days after the date of the letter of closure or letter of finding, stating with specificity the basis for the reconsideration. Special Learning Center will notify the complainant of the decision either to accept or reject the request for reconsideration within ten (10) days. In cases where reconsideration is granted, Special Learning Center will issue a determination letter to the complainant upon completion of the reconsideration review.

A person may also file a complaint directly with the Federal Transit Administration, at the FTA Office of Civil Rights, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590.

If information is needed in another language, contact Special Learning Center at 1115 Fairgrounds Road, Jefferson City, MO 65109, phone 573-634-3070.