

KANSAS STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL EDUCATION AND TITLE SERVICES

REPORT OF COMPLAINT
FILED AGAINST
UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #477
ON 9/25/2025

DATE OF REPORT: 9/29/2025

26FC477-001

Final Report Communication From Investigator

Good morning, ----- . I am the complaint investigator assigned to the formal complaint you have filed on behalf of your child, -----.

With my first reading of your written complaint, I see that your concerns with the Cooperative began in 2023, with a delay in completing an evaluation and then denial of services after receiving a district and subsequent independent educational evaluation in 2023. You have subsequently (2025) learned of an autism diagnosis that you believed could have been found by SKACD or your child accommodated using the diagnosis of auditory processing disorder that he received by the Independent Educational Evaluator.

Because of the one year limitation for formal complaints, the allegations on behalf of your son as they are written here cannot be investigated.

Only if you have allegations that occurred during the past year (September 25, 2024-September 25, 2025) can they be investigated using this formal complaint process with KSDE. There may be other dispute resolution processes available to you, and if you wish to find additional information on those options, I can recommend resources for your use.

In summary, if you have allegations occurring in the past year, please forward them to Dr. Grimwood and me as soon as possible. If the allegations do not occur in the past year, you can contact Families Together (<https://famiestogetherinc.org/>) or use the [Kansas Special Education Process Handbook](#) linked here for more information.

I will also contact Dr. Grimwood based on the broader systemic allegations of your complaint, but at this point, I believe this complaint cannot be investigated under this authority. If I am in error after consulting with KSDE, I will notify you, likely late next week.

Sincerely yours,

Gwen Beegle

Right to Appeal

Either party may appeal the findings or conclusions in this report by filing a written notice of appeal with the State Commissioner of Education, ATTN: Special Education and Title Services, Landon State Office Building, 900 SW Jackson Street, Suite 620, Topeka, KS 66612-1212. The notice of appeal may also be filed by email to formalcomplaints@ksde.gov. The notice of appeal must be delivered within 10 calendar days from the date of this report.

For further description of the appeals process, see Kansas Administrative Regulations 91-40-51(f).

K.A.R. 91-40-51(f) Appeals.

(1) Any agency or complainant may appeal any of the findings or conclusions of a compliance report prepared by the special education section of the department by filing a written notice of appeal with the state commissioner of education. Each notice shall be filed within 10 days from the date of the report. Each notice shall provide a detailed statement of the basis for alleging that the report is incorrect.

Upon receiving an appeal, an appeal committee of at least three department of education members shall be appointed by the commissioner to review the report and to consider the information provided by the local education agency, the complainant, or others. The appeal process, including any hearing conducted by the appeal committee, shall be completed within 15 days from the date of receipt of the notice of appeal, and a decision shall be rendered within five days after the appeal process is completed unless the appeal committee determines that exceptional circumstances exist with respect to the particular complaint. In this event, the decision shall be rendered as soon as possible by the appeal committee.

(2) If an appeal committee affirms a compliance report that requires corrective action by an agency, that agency shall initiate the required corrective action immediately. If, after five days, no required corrective action has been initiated, the agency shall be notified of the action that will be taken to assure compliance as determined by the department. This action may include any of the following:

- (A) The issuance of an accreditation deficiency advisement;
- (B) the withholding of state or federal funds otherwise available to the agency;
- (C) the award of monetary reimbursement to the complainant; or
- (D) any combination of the actions specified in paragraph (f)(2)