

## WISCONSIN SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDIATION SYSTEM FACILITATION PARTICIATION NOTICE



### Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System

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The role of the facilitator is to help the parties work together specifically on issues with the IEP and to assist with the process by providing a positive environment for good communication and constructive discussion, as well as to help resolve disagreements as the IEP members work on the IEP. If broader issues need to be discussed, the parties have the option to request mediation from the Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System (WSEMS).

The facilitator is not a member of the IEP team or employed by the school. The facilitator cannot provide legal advice to or advocacy for any participant.

The IEP facilitation is a separate process from mediation and, therefore, does not have any of the confidentiality protections that are provided under Wis. Stat. 904.085 for mediation.

The fees and costs of the facilitator are provided at no cost to the parties and are paid by the WSEMS.

The facilitator shall have access to student records during the facilitation process.

WSEMS will email the participants a survey following the IEP meeting. You are encouraged to complete the survey; the information provided is helpful to the WSEMS in maintaining the high quality of the facilitation services and is helpful in providing feedback to our facilitator.

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