

ANCHORAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT  
ANCHORAGE, ALASKA

MEMORANDUM

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FROM: JERRY SJOLANDER, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, SPECIAL EDUCATION

SUBJECT: When a Manifestation Determination Team Finds Causality

According to federal regulation, 34 CFR 300.530(f)(1), a determination that the conduct in question was a manifestation of the student's disability triggers an immediate return to the placement from which the student was removed.

The student's return cannot be delayed by an IEP team scheduling a meeting. If the manifestation team decides that the IEP needs amendment, then the student still returns to the placement while the team schedules the meeting.