Special Education

Requesting a Change in Your Child's Placement - Letter



Today's Date (include month, day, and year)

Your Name Street Address City, State, Zip Code Daytime telephone number

Name of Principal or Special Education Administrator Name of School Street Address City, State, Zip Code

Dear (Principal's or Administrator's name),

I am writing to request a meeting to discuss a change in placement for my son/daughter, (child's name). He/she is currently in the (___) grade in (teacher's name) class. I feel he/she needs to be in (name of alternative, if you know; otherwise describe the type of placement you feel is more appropriate for your child, such as your neighborhood school, a center-based program, general education class, or special class).

I am most concerned about (keep this paragraph brief and mention your child's unmet needs, not problems with individual people).

I would also like to have (name of teacher(s) and/or any specialists you would like from the current and/or requested placement) attend this meeting.

I can arrange to meet with the rest of the IEP team on (days) between (give a range of time, such as between 8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.). Please let me know what time would be best.

I look forward to hearing from you soon. My daytime telephone number is (give your phone number). Thank you for your time.

Sincerely, Your name

cc: your child's principal

(if letter is addressed to an administrator) your child's teacher(s) specialists or other staff

Note: The "cc:" at the bottom of the letter means you are sending a copy of your letter to the people listed after the cc.

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