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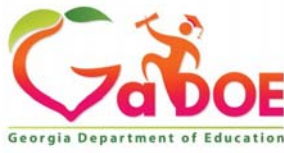
**Complaint Form for Equitable Services for Title I and Programs Covered under Title VIII
to Private School Students and Teachers**
Office of the State Ombudsman

Name of person filing complaint Title/position of person filing complaint Name of private school Street address of private school Email Phone number	
Name of Local Educational Agency (LEA) complaint is against Street address of LEA Contact name Email Phone number	

Title II and VIII programs (ESEA section 1117 and 8501):

- Title I, Part A – Improving basic programs operated by LEAs
- Title I, Part C – Education of migratory children
- Title II, Part A – Supporting effective instruction state grants
- Title III, Part A – English language acquisition, language enhancement, and academic achievement
- Title IV, Part A – Student support and academic enrichment grants
- Title IV, Part B – 21st Century Community Learning Centers

What federal statutory or regulatory requirements that apply to equitable services do you feel have been violated? (Please attach any supporting documentation.)



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Please describe the issue(s), including dates; and any steps you have taken and people you have contacted from the LEA to resolve the issue and their response(s). Please attach any supporting documentation.

Please describe the solution or the action you feel would resolve this problem.

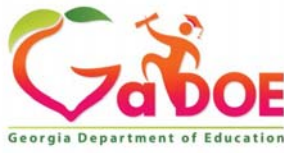
Are you willing to participate in the mediation process to try to resolve your concerns?

Yes No

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By typing your name, this serves as your electronic signature.

Date



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This form must be signed and submitted to the Georgia Department of Education
and a copy to the local school system.

In lieu of mailing, you can email to Shaun Owen @ sowen@doe.k12.ga.us.

**Georgia Department of Education
Office of the State Ombudsman
1866 Twin Towers East
205 Jesse Hill Jr. Drive
Atlanta, GA 30334**

Change to Existing Requirement: Complaint Process for Participation of Private School Children – Time Limit

The timeframe that an SEA has for responding to a complaint from parents, teachers, or other individuals concerning violations of ESEA section 8501 regarding the participation by private school children and teachers is 45 days. In addition, the Secretary must investigate and resolve an appeal of an SEA's resolution of a complaint within 90 days.

(ESEA section 8503.)

Changes to Existing Requirement: Consultation

The topics subject to consultation have been expanded to include the following:

- How the proportion of funds allocated for equitable services is determined.
- Whether the LEA will provide services directly or through a separate government agency, consortium, entity or third-party contractor.
- Whether to provide equitable services to eligible private school children by pooling funds or on a school-by-school basis.
- When, including the approximate time of day, services will be provided.
- Whether to consolidate and use funds available for Title I equitable services in coordination with eligible funds available for equitable services under programs covered under section 8501(b) to provide services to eligible private school children in participating programs.
- The written affirmation that consultation has occurred must provide the option for private school officials to indicate such officials' belief that timely and meaningful consultation has not occurred or that the program design is not equitable with respect to eligible private school children.

(ESEA section 1117(b)(1).)

Relevant Statutory, Regulatory, and Guidance References

- [Title IX TITLE IX, PART E UNIFORM PROVISIONS SUBPART 1—PRIVATE SCHOOLS Equitable Services for Eligible Private School Students, Teachers, and Other Educational Personnel Non-Regulatory Guidance](#), Section H and sample form J-16
- 34 C.F.R. §299.12
- ESSA Sections 1117(b)(6); 1117(c)2; and 8501(c)6

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Completion of complaint process: [Click here to enter a date.](#)