

PACER Center

2020 State Legislative Priorities

Reducing Barriers to Conciliation Conferences

Conciliation conferences have been an extremely successful, efficient, and cost-effective way to resolve disagreements between parents and Individualized Education Program (IEP) teams. PACER supports legislation that would reaffirm districts' responsibilities to offer conciliation conferences when a parent objects to a proposal.

Removing Barriers to Use of Private Nurses in Schools

Students with complex medical needs require the same level of care at school that they receive at home. PACER supports a requirement that school districts allow private nurses to accompany students to school when deemed medically necessary, at no cost to the school.

Decreasing Exclusionary Discipline Practices

PACER supports legislations that promotes increased use of positive behavioral interventions and decreased use of suspensions, expulsions, and seclusion.

Support Training Time for Paraprofessionals

PACER supports increased professional development and training time for paraprofessionals so they can better understand students' needs and help improve student success.

Increasing School-Based Mental Health Services

PACER supports initiatives that increase student access to school support staff and mental health services.

Ensuring Adequate Funding for Special Education

PACER seeks increased state funding to ensure that the nearly one out of five Minnesota students who qualify for and receive special education services are well prepared to become an integral part of the Minnesota's future labor force.

Supporting Employment and Independent Living for Young Adults with Disabilities

PACER supports policies that improve young adults with disabilities' access to postsecondary education, employment, and housing opportunities that increase their capacity to live as independently as possibly in community settings.