MANIFESTATION DETERMINATION REVIEW (MDR) FLOW CHART

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An MDR must occur immediately, if possible, but in no case later than **10 school days** after a decision is made to impose a suspension or removal that constitutes a disciplinary change in placement for a student with a disability because of a violation of the code of student conduct.

THE SCHOOL DISTRICT MUST:

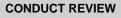
- Prior to imposing a suspension or removal that constitutes a disciplinary change in placement, the parent must be provided:
 - Prior Written Notice of the decision; and
 - a copy of the <u>Procedural Safeguards Notice</u>.

• Provide written notification of the MDR meeting, informing the parent of the purpose of the meeting, the names of the individuals expected to attend; and the parent's right to have relevant members of the committee on special education (CSE) participate at parent's request.

CONVENE MANIFESTATION TEAM

The MDR is made in a meeting by the "manifestation team," which must include:

- a representative of the school district knowledgeable about the student and the interpretation of information about child behavior;
- the parent; and
- relevant members of the CSE (as determined by the parent and school district)



The manifestation team must review all relevant information in the student's file including:

- the student's individualized education program (IEP);
- any teacher observations; and
- any relevant information provided by the parents.

(list is not exhaustive)

MANIFESTATION DETERMINATION

The manifestation team must determine:

Was the conduct in question caused by, or did it have a direct and substantial relationship to the student's disability?

OR

• Was the conduct in question the direct result of the school district's failure to implement the IEP?

