

The Washington State
Governor's Office of
the Education
Ombuds:
Supporting Students
Who Are Not
Attending School



Assisting Students Who Are Out of School, including partial day IEP placements

Families and Community Professionals are encouraged to contact OEO to see how we can help.

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As the COVID-19 pandemic wears on, OEO recognizes these are very hard times in our communities, and many students are not attending school because of a range of issues from unreliable or unavailable technology to lack of childcare, to special education services that only provide partial day supports to broadband access barriers.

OEO is a resource that can help address concerns about K-12 public schools. Please contact OEO if you are a community professional working with families of school-age children who need school-related assistance.

OEO's legislative mission is to reduce opportunity gaps. Our strategic plan priorities concentrate on education justice, especially for communities most affected by COVID-19. We are focusing our limited conflict resolution resources, such as informal mediation and coaching, on K-12 students who are:

- Out of school, including students with disabilities receiving partial school days
- Experiencing homelessness
- People of color, Black, or indigenous
- In kinship or foster care
- Involved with the juvenile justice or juvenile rehabilitation systems
- Immigrant, refugee, asylee, or migrant, or students or families whose primary language(s) is not English, or
- Receiving Wraparound with Intensive Services (WISe) or Children's Long Term Inpatient Programs (CLIP) supports

Supports look different in this time of COVID and OEO can help students who are not attending school. Please contact us.

