

**Free or Low-Cost Legal and Other Relevant Services  
Available in Minnesota  
(Legal Assistance Resource List)**

This list is made available to parents in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and the Pupil Fair Dismissal Act (PFDA).34 C.F.R. § 300.507(b) and Minn. Stat. § 121A.47. subd. 2(f)(1).

This list provides information about free or low-cost legal assistance, advocacy services, and lawyer referral services. This list is not exhaustive. The Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) and its employees cannot provide recommendations on which resource, if any, you choose. Inclusion on this list does not mean that MDE has approved these services.

**Free or Low-Cost Legal Resources**

These resources provide free or low-cost legal services to low-income persons.

| <b>Name and Contact Information</b>  | <b>Serving These Areas</b>  |
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| <p><b>Anishinabe Legal Services</b><br/>411 First Street NW<br/>P.O. Box 157<br/>Cass Lake, MN 56633<br/>218-335-2223<br/>800-422-1335 (clients and potential clients only)<br/><a href="http://www.alslegal.org">www.alslegal.org</a></p>   | <p>Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth Reservations</p>                 |
| <p><b>East Central Minnesota Legal Services</b><br/>140 Buchanan Street North, Suite 176<br/>Cambridge, MN 55008<br/>763-689-2849/800-622-7772</p>   | <p>Counties served: Anoka, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Pine</p> |
| <p><b>Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota</b><br/><a href="http://www.lasnem.org">www.lasnem.org</a><br/>Brainerd Office<br/>324 S. Fifth St., Suite A<br/>Brainerd, MN 56401<br/>218-829-1701/800-933-1112<br/>Duluth Office<br/>302 Ordean Building<br/>424 W. Superior St<br/>Duluth, MN 55802<br/>218-623-8100/855-204-1697<br/>Grand Rapids Office<br/>350 SW First Ave., Suite F<br/>Grand Rapids, MN 55744<br/>218-322-6020/800-708-6695<br/>Pine City Office<br/>235 Main St. S.<br/>Pine City, MN 55063<br/>320-629-7166/800-382-7166</p> | <p>Northeastern Minnesota</p>   |

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| Virginia Office<br>Olcott Plaza, Suite 200<br>820 N. Ninth St.<br>Virginia, MN 55792<br>218-749-3270/800-886-3270   |   |
| <b>Legal Rights Center</b><br>1611 Park Avenue South<br>Minneapolis, MN 55404<br>612-337-0030<br><a href="http://www.legalrightscenter.org">www.legalrightscenter.org</a>   | Hennepin County   |
| <b>Legal Services of Northwest Minnesota</b><br><a href="http://www.lsnmlaw.org">www.lsnmlaw.org</a><br><br>Alexandria Office<br>426 Broadway St.<br>Alexandria, MN 56308<br>320-762-0663/800-450-2552<br><br>Bemidji Office<br>215 Fourth St. NW<br>PO Box 1883<br>Bemidji, MN 56619-1883<br>218-751-9201/800-450-9201<br><br>Moorhead Office<br>1015 Seventh Ave. N<br>PO Box 838<br>Moorhead, MN 56561-0838<br>218-233-8585/800-450-8585   | Counties served by Alexandria office: Douglas, Grant, Otter Tail, Pope, Stevens, Traverse, and Wadena<br><br>Counties served by Bemidji office: Beltrami, Clearwater, Hubbard, Lake of the Woods, and Mahnommen<br><br>Counties served by Moorhead office: Becker, Clay, Kittson, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau and Wilkin |
| <b>Mid-Minnesota Legal Aid</b><br><a href="http://www.mylegalaid.org">www.mylegalaid.org</a><br><br>Duluth Office<br>301 West First Street Suite 528<br>Board of Trading Building<br>Duluth MN 55802<br>800-292-4150<br><br>Fertile Office<br>P.O. Box 572<br>Fertile MN 56540<br>800-292-4150<br><br>Grand Rapids Office<br>204 First Avenue N.W. Suite 4<br>Grand Rapids MN 55744<br>800-292-4150<br><br>Mankato Office<br>12 Civic Center Plaza Suite 3000-A<br>Mankato MN 56001<br>800-292-4150 | Statewide Service   |

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| <p>Minneapolis Office<br/>430 First Ave. N., Suite 300<br/>Minneapolis, MN 55401-1780<br/>612-334-5970/800-292-4150</p> <p>St. Cloud Office<br/>830 West Saint Germain, Suite 300<br/>St. Cloud, MN 56302<br/>320-253-0121/888-360-2889</p> <p>St. Paul Office<br/>Legal Services Advocacy Project<br/>2324 University Avenue West Suite 101<br/>Midtown Commons<br/>St. Paul MN 55114<br/>651-222-3749</p> <p>Wilmar Office<br/>415 SW 7th Street<br/>P.O. Box 1866<br/>Willmar MN 56201<br/>(320) 235-9600/888-360-3666</p> |  |
| <p><b>Southern Minnesota Regional Legal Services</b><br/>Education Law Advocacy Project<br/>450 N. Syndicate St., Suite 285<br/>St. Paul, MN 55104<br/>651-222-4731/1-888-575-2954<br/><a href="http://www.smrls.org">www.smrls.org</a></p>   | <p>Counties served: Blue Earth, Brown, Carver, Cottonwood, Dakota, Dodge, Faribault, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Jackson, Le Sueur, Martin, McLeod, Mower, Murray, Nicollet, Nobles, Olmsted, Pipestone, Ramsey, Redwood, Rice, Rock, Scott, Sibley, Steele, Wabasha, Waseca, Washington, Watonwan, and Winona</p> |
| <p><b>University of Minnesota Special Education Law Clinic</b><br/>190 Walter F. Mondale Hall<br/>229 19<sup>th</sup> Avenue South<br/>Minneapolis, MN 55455<br/>612-625-5515<br/>Fax 612-624-5771</p>  | <p>Generally Greater Twin Cities Metropolitan</p>  |
| <p><b>Volunteer Attorney Program</b><br/>314 West Superior Street, Ste. 1000<br/>Duluth, MN 55802<br/>218-723-4005<br/><a href="http://www.volunteerattorney.org">www.volunteerattorney.org</a></p>   | <p>Counties served: Aitkin, Carlton, Cass, Cook, Crow Wing, Itasca, Kanabec, Lake, Pine, and St. Louis</p>   |

## OTHER RELEVANT SERVICES

### Advocacy Services

These services protect and advocate for the legal rights of persons with disabilities.

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| <b>The ARC of Minnesota</b><br>800 Transfer Road, Suite 7A<br>St. Paul, MN 55114<br>800-582-5256<br><a href="http://www.thearcofminnesota.org">www.thearcofminnesota.org</a> | Statewide Service   |
| <b>Autism Society of Minnesota</b><br>2380 Wycliff Street #102<br>St. Paul, MN 55114<br>651-647-1083<br><a href="http://www.ausm.org">www.ausm.org</a>                       | Statewide Service   |
| <b>PACER Center</b><br>8161 Normandale Boulevard<br>Bloomington, MN 55437<br>952-838-9000/800-537-2237<br><a href="http://www.pacer.org">www.pacer.org</a>                   | Statewide Service   |

### Lawyer Referral Services

These services may be contacted to request a referral to an attorney who specializes in education law. If you select a referred attorney, you should check to see if a referral or consultation fee is charged. You and your attorney will negotiate any legal fees you may owe.

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| <b>Minnesota State Bar Association</b><br>612-333-1183<br><a href="http://www.mnfindalawyer.com">www.mnfindalawyer.com</a>   | Statewide Service   |
| <b>Dakota County Bar Association Referral</b><br>14800 Galaxie Ave., Suite 103<br>Eagan, MN 55121<br>952-431-3200<br><a href="http://dakotalegal.org">http://dakotalegal.org</a> | Dakota County       |
| <b>Hennepin County Bar Association Referral</b><br>612-752-6666  | Hennepin County     |
| <b>Ramsey County Bar Association Referral</b><br>651-224-1775<br>Email: <a href="mailto:ars@ramseybar.org">ars@ramseybar.org</a>   | Ramsey County       |