Sample Letter #8: OCR Complaint Form

The Office for Civil Rights only accepts complaints regarding discrimination against your child because of their disability. Some examples of discrimination are when your school is not accessible (inside or out), your child is excluded from academic or extra curricular activities because of their disability, your child’s school day is shortened due to transportation issues, your child is segregated because of his disability, your child’s placement is based on his disability and not on individual needs, the school requires you to attend field trips with your child because of their disability, or any other form of discrimination. It is a good idea to try to resolve these complaints with your school’s principal and the Director of Special Education before filing a complaint with the Office for Civil Rights. Remember to keep a copy of your complaint.

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The Department of Education Office of Civil Rights Discrimination Complaint Form can be found online at www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/complaintintro.html