



## Ohio Administrative Code

### Rule 4117-1-19 Settlements; mediator testimonial privilege.

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(A) The board shall assign an individual to conduct mediation in an attempt to settle disputes of the parties pending before the board upon the request of the parties or at its direction for the purpose of promoting orderly and constructive relationships between public employers, public employees, and employee organizations.

(B) The mediator's testimony may not be compelled and shall not be admissible with regard to any matter subject to the board's jurisdiction.

(C) Offers of settlement and evidence of conduct or statements made in the course of settlement negotiations to resolve disputes before the board are not admissible in later board proceedings. However, otherwise discoverable evidence will not be excluded merely because it was also presented in the course of settlement.

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