

Regulation

INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION

Criteria for an Independent Educational Evaluation:

- A. An independent evaluators must be certified by the New Jersey Department of Education or possess license, certification and/or academic degree from an accredited educational institution, organization or agency appropriate to their profession that are recognized within the state;
- B. Independent evaluators must meet the qualifications and training requirements to administer, score and interpret the evaluation instrument(s) utilized during the IEE, as specified by the test publisher;
- C. Parents must provide written consent for the evaluation, and give their written consent for an exchange of information between the district and independent evaluator(s), including the release to the district of the evaluation report and results of all assessment data collected by the independent evaluator(s);
- D. The independent evaluator(s) shall use only the most current version of each assessment instrument utilized for the IEE;
- E. The independent evaluator(s) shall review the student record, including the results of evaluations conducted by the district;
- F. The district may require the IEE include classroom observations and interviews with school staff, if appropriate;
- G. The independent evaluator(s) shall provide a written report of findings to the parent(s) and district. That report shall contain:
 - 1. Student and parent/guardian information (names, contact information, date of birth, school grade);
 - 2. Dates when evaluation activities were conducted;
 - 3. A list of all information/data reviewed;
 - 4. The evaluations administered;
 - 5. A detailed explanation of the classroom observation;
 - 6. The scores, along with subtest scores, of the tests administered;
 - 7. A discussion and interpretation of test results;
 - 8. A diagnosis of the student's condition, as appropriate; and
 - 9. Recommendations, based on evaluation data, for the district's evaluation team to consider.
- H. Payment for the IEE shall occur only after the district has received the final written report of findings from the evaluator(s);
- I. Upon request, the independent evaluator(s) shall be available in person or electronically (i.e. telephone conference call, interactive video, etc.) to discuss results of the IEE with the district team.

Consideration of the Results of an Independent Educational Evaluation

The district will consider the findings and recommendations provided by an IEE completed in accordance with these procedures. However, the district continues to be responsible for making decisions regarding your child's eligibility and need for special education services, and when the student is eligible and needs special education, for determining placement and services to be provided.

INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION (continued)Location Limitations for Evaluators

If an independent contractor is utilized, the evaluator must be located in Bergen County, NJ or within twenty (20) miles of the Board of Education office.

Qualifications of Evaluators and Costs for Evaluations

The qualifications of evaluators and maximum allowable costs are set forth below. All certifications and/or licenses must be current.

Type of Assessment	Qualifications	Maximum Allowable Cost
Academic Achievement	Certified LDT-C or alternative license and/or credentials and qualified to administer chosen assessments as required by publisher	\$450.00
Adaptive Behavior/ Behavior	Certified School Psychologist or Certified BCBA or Licensed Psychologist or Psychiatrist	\$450.00 Psychiatrist \$600.00
Auditory Processing/ Hearing Acuity	Licensed Audiologist	\$800.00
Cognitive/ Intellectual	Licensed Psychologist or Certified School Psychologist	\$450.00
Health or Medical	Licensed Physician	\$350.00
Motor/Adaptive	Certified and Licensed Occupational Therapist or Certified and Licensed Physical Therapist	\$400.00
Neurological	Licensed Neurologist	\$650.00
Neuropsychological	Licensed Psychologist with American Board of Clinical Neuropsychology or comparable Board Certification	\$1500.00
Social/Emotional	Certified School Psychologist, Licensed Psychologist or Psychiatrist	Psychiatrist \$650.00
Speech and Language	Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Specialist or Speech/Language Pathologist	\$450.00
Visual Acuity	Licensed Ophthalmologist or Optometrist	\$700.00

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