



Independent Educational Evaluation

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Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE):

In certain circumstances, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of a child with a disability have the right to obtain an independent educational evaluation at the District's expense, if the parent(s)/guardian(s) disagreed with the evaluation conducted by the school district. More detailed information can be found in the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act under Section 300.502](#). If the parent(s)/guardian(s) requests an evaluation, the school district may ask why they disagree with the district's evaluation. The parent(s)/guardian(s) are entitled to only one IEE at public expense each time the school district conducts an evaluation that the parent(s)/guardian(s) disagrees with. When a parent requests an IEE, the district must agree or request a due process hearing in 5 calendar days ([105 ILCS 5/14-8.02](#)) (from [Ch. 122, par. 14-8.02](#)).

The independent evaluator:

- Must not be employed with the District.
- Must be qualified to conduct the evaluation.
- Should be mutually agreeable to both the parent(s)/guardian(s) and the District.
- The [Illinois Independent Evaluators Registry \(IIER\)](#) complies with state regulations by providing a list of qualified professionals who can conduct independent educational evaluations for students with disabilities in Illinois. This registry includes individuals from various disciplines who meet specific eligibility requirements. Information on the registry is based on applications submitted by the evaluators themselves. The IIER verifies the licenses and certifications of all listed professionals. Please note that language information provided by evaluators is self-reported and has not been independently verified.

Upon completion of the IEE, the district's obligation is to consider the evaluation results. Within 10 days after receiving a report of an independent evaluation conducted at either public or private expense, the district shall provide written notice stating the date upon which the IEP Team will meet to consider the results ([23 IAC §226.180\(d\)](#)).

How to Request an Independent Evaluation (IEE):

Submit your request in writing to the superintendent or principal in your home district.

For example:

I am writing to request an Independent Educational Evaluation for my child _____ because I am in disagreement with the following components of the recently conducted evaluation (Specifically list what you are in disagreement with and why).

If you would like the names of independent evaluators other parents have successfully utilized, please let us know and we would be happy to share this information with you.

If you have the name of a provider you would like the District to consider, please include this in your request.