

Brick Township Board of Education District Policy

Instructional Program Independent Educational Evaluations - REGULATION

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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. The evaluations administered;
 - 4. The scores, along with subtest scores, of the tests administered;
 - 5. A discussion and interpretation of test results;
 - 6. A diagnosis of the student's condition, as appropriate; and
 - 7. Recommendations, based on evaluation data, for the district's evaluation team to consider.

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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.

Location Limitations for Evaluators

Evaluators will be located within the (must define the geographical area within district, county surrounding area or state). Evaluators outside of this area will be approved only on an exceptional basis, providing parents/guardians can demonstrate the unique circumstances that necessitate using an evaluator outside the specified area in order to obtain an appropriate evaluation. If a qualified evaluator is available within the above physical boundaries, such request may be denied. Any expenses beyond that directly related to preparation of the evaluation (i.e., food, lodging, transportation, etc.) shall not be covered in the cost of the independent evaluation when a qualified evaluator exists within the geographical area.

Audiological Assessment (Including Central Auditory processing):	\$400.00
Psychological Assessments:	\$600.00
Educational Assessment:	\$600.00
Social Histories:	\$600.00
Speech and Language Assessment:	\$600.00
Neurological Assessment:	\$600.00
Psychiatric Assessment:	\$600.00
Occupational Assessment:	\$500.00
Physical Therapy Assessment:	\$500.00
Assistive Technology Assessment:	\$900.00
Neuro-psychological Assessment:	\$2,500.00

No abbreviated scales for isolated sub test may be used at the primary assessment unless agreed upon by the district, assessor and parent.