

A parent/guardian may obtain an independent educational evaluation (IEE) of his/her child. An IEE is an evaluation performed at the request of a parent/guardian for purposes of placement in, continuation in, or exit from a special education program(s). If a parent/guardian requests information from the School District of Cambridge about an IEE, the District provides the parent/guardian with information about where an IEE may be obtained and the District criteria for IEEs. A parent/guardian has the right to an IEE if the parent/guardian disagrees with an evaluation obtained by the District.

If a parent/guardian requests an IEE at public expense, the District, without unnecessary delay, either initiates a due process hearing to show its evaluation is appropriate, or insures an IEE is provided at public expense (unless the District demonstrates in a due process hearing that the evaluation obtained by the parent/guardian did not meet District criteria). "Public expense" means the District either pays for the full cost of the evaluation or ensures the evaluation is otherwise provided at no cost to the parent/guardian.

If a parent/guardian requests an IEE, the District may ask for the parents' reason why he/she/they object(s) to the public evaluation. However, the District does not require the explanation of nor unreasonably delay either providing the IEE at public expense or initiating a due process hearing to defend the District's evaluation.

If the District initiates a due process hearing and the final decision is that the District's evaluation is appropriate, the parent/guardian still has the right to an IEE, but not at public expense. If the parent/guardian obtains an IEE at private expense, the results of the evaluation must be considered by the District, if it meets District criteria, in any decision made with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education to the child. If a hearing officer requests an IEE as part of a hearing, the cost of the evaluation must be at public expense. When an IEE is at public expense, the criteria under which the evaluation is obtained, including the location of the evaluation and the qualifications of the examiner, is the same as the criteria that the District uses when it initiates an evaluation, to the extent that those criteria are consistent with the parent's/guardian's right to an IEE. Except for the criteria described above, the District may not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE at public expense.

The following criteria may be cause for the District to initiate a hearing to demonstrate that the evaluation obtained by the parents/guardians did not meet the District's criteria:

- Total IEE cost exceeds \$1,200.00
- Inadequate training or lack of appropriate certification on the part of the evaluator to conduct the assessment exists.
- Unnecessary or excessive travel expenses associated with the IEE exists.

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**LEGAL REFERENCE:** Chapter 115, Subchapter V Wisconsin Statutes  
Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA 34 CFR  
300.500, 300.502-507 and 300.530-536)

**CROSS REFERENCE:** 342.1, Programs for Students with Disabilities  
411, Equal Educational Opportunities  
Special Education Policies and Procedures

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