

## INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

The Board of Education recognizes the right of parents or guardians of a student who has or is thought to have a disability to receive an independent evaluation at public expense if they disagree with the evaluation obtained by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE).

The independent examination shall be conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the school district responsible for the child's education. Upon request, parents will be provided with a list of public and private agencies and professional resources where independent evaluations may be obtained. These publicly-funded independent evaluations shall be limited a location within a 200-mile radius of the district and at an amount not to exceed \$1,500.

The district has the right to initiate an impartial hearing to demonstrate that its evaluation is appropriate. If the hearing officer determines that the district's evaluation was appropriate, a parent or guardian is not entitled to reimbursement at public expense.

The Board directs the Superintendent of Schools to develop regulations establishing maximum allowable fees for specific tests, the geographic area in which such evaluations may take place, and minimum qualifications of the professionals who administer and interpret various tests; and a reasonable timeline for seeking reimbursement.

Cross-ref: 4321, Programs for Students with Disabilities  
4321.2, Preschool Special Education  
4321.2-R, Preschool Special Education Regulation

Ref: 20 USC §1415(d)(2)(A)  
34 CFR §300.502  
8 NYCRR §§200.1(z); 200.5(a); 200.5(b); 200.5(c); 200.5(g)

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