

Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE)

The details of Independent Educational Evaluation can be found under:

- Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 34 CFR 300.502
 - Washington Administrative Code WAC 392-172A-05005
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What is known about the student is what drives (becomes the foundation) of all the services they need and is the first step in developing an appropriate Individualized Education Program (IEP). Sometimes, having a comprehensive evaluation of the student, by an independent evaluator who is not employed by the school district, can be a crucial ingredient.

Did You Know?!

Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) is part of the **Notice of Special Education Procedural Safeguards for Students and Their Families**.

Did You Know?!

A parent can ask for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) at public expense if they disagree with an evaluation completed by the school district.

Did You Know?!

At public expense means the school district pays for the evaluation.

Did You Know?!

A parent may request only one Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) at public expense per each school district evaluation.

Did You Know?!

A parent may obtain an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) at their own expense (private) and provide the school district with a copy. The school district must consider the results whether at public or private expense however, they are not required to accept any of the recommendations.

Step 1: Communicate

A parent needs to communicate with the school district in writing and explain their concerns about the evaluation that was completed. Was it not complete? Do they believe additional assessments are needed? Do they not agree with the eligibility decision? Are they confused about the evaluations and need further explanation(s)?

Step 2: Request

A parent makes a request for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) in writing. An **example** of an **Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Request** is available on the www.sealk12.org website.

Step 3: School District Response

The school district must now respond to the parent's request in one (1) of two (2) ways, and they must do so within fifteen (15) calendar days of the request.

1. Agree to the request, at public expense, and provide the parent with information about where/who can provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) and provide the parent with the school districts policies for an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE).
2. File a Special Education Due Process Hearing Request to show the evaluation they performed is appropriate.

A Special Education Due Process Hearing is a formal, legal proceeding where written evidence and witnesses' testimony is presented to an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ). It is the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) that will make the final decision.

Did You Know?!

The school district may ask why a parent objects to their evaluation. However, the school district may not require an explanation and may not delay the fifteen (15) calendar day decision.

Did You Know?!

The school district may not require a parent use only an evaluator on their list of evaluators for an Independent Educational Evaluation at public expense.