

**SPECIAL EDUCATION**  
*(Evaluation Criteria for District and Independent Evaluations)*

Parents/Guardians of a student with a disability who disagree with the district's evaluation of the student may obtain an independent evaluation of the student at public expense, subject to the same qualifications the Boonville R-I School District uses when it initiates an evaluation. A parent/guardian is entitled to only one independent educational evaluation (IEE) at district expense each time the district conducts an evaluation with which the parent/guardian disagrees. An IEE is an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the district.

If a parent/guardian requests an IEE at public expense, the district must either (1) initiate a due process hearing to demonstrate that its evaluation is appropriate or (2) ensure that an independent evaluation that meets the criteria listed in this procedure is provided.

**Notice and Explanation**

The district requests that the parents/guardians notify the special education director or designee that they are seeking an independent evaluation before an IEE is conducted, but such notification is not required. The special education director will ask the parents/guardians to explain why they object to the district's evaluation, but such explanation is not required.

Once notified, the special education director will provide the parents/guardians the district's criteria for IEEs and information on where an IEE may be obtained, so that the parent/guardian can select an IEE for which the district will pay.

**Criteria for District and Independent Educational Evaluations**

District evaluations and IEEs must meet all requirements detailed in this section. The district will pay for IEEs only when these requirements are met.

***Criteria 1: Evaluator Qualifications***

Type of Assessment	Qualifications
Intellectual/Cognitive	School Psych Examiner/School Psychologist/Clinical Psychologist
Adaptive Behavior	School Psychologist/Certified SPED Teacher w/training in conducting Adaptive Behavior Assessments
Achievement	Certified SPED Teacher/School

Type of Assessment	Qualifications
	Counselor/School Psychologist/Clinical Psychologist/Psychological Examiner
Speech/Language	Speech Pathologist
Social/Emotional/Behavioral	Clinical Psychologist/School Psychologist/Counselor/Certified SPED Teacher w/training in conducting Functional Behavior Assessments
Vision	Certified teacher of the Visually Impaired/Optomtrist
Use of Residual Vision and Orientation/Mobility	Certified Orientation/Mobility Specialist
Visual Perceptual	Certified teacher of the Visually Impaired/Optomtrist
Hearing	Audiologist
Auditory Perceptual	Audiologist
Health	RN/Physician
Motor	Occupational Therapist/Physical Therapist
Other	

***Criteria 2: Evaluator Location Limitations***

Evaluators used by the district or utilized for independent evaluations must be located within 50 miles from the district's central office. Evaluators outside this area will be approved only in exceptional circumstances.

***Criteria 3: Evaluation Cost Limitations***

The district will pay for IEEs only when they are obtained at or below the maximum cost listed in this subsection; however, the district will pay for an IEE that exceeds these limitations if the district determines that an appropriate IEE cannot be obtained within these limitations in light of the student's unique needs and other unique circumstances.

As a condition for payment, all evaluators must agree in writing to release their assessment information and results to the district prior to receipt of payment for services.

Type of Assessment	Maximum Cost
Intellectual/Cognitive	\$750
Adaptive Behavior	\$500
Achievement	\$500
Speech/Language	\$500
Social/Emotional/Behavioral	\$750
Vision	\$500
Use of Residual Vision and Orientation/Mobility	\$500
Visual Perceptual	\$500
Hearing	\$500
Auditory Perceptual	\$500
Health	\$500
Motor	\$500
Other	

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**Note:** *The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or forms for related information in this area.*

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