

**Independent Educational Evaluation**

**Code #342.11**

In the Tri-County Area School District, an independent educational evaluation (IEE) is an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not an employee of the District. A parent has a right to an IEE at public expense if the parent disagrees with a recent evaluation conducted by the District. For purposes of this policy, "Evaluation" means the procedures used to determine whether a child has a disability and the nature and extent of the special education and related services the child needs. The District is not required to pay for an IEE if the District has not conducted a recent evaluation. In the event the district receives a parent request for an IEE, the District must, without unnecessary delay, either provide the IEE at District expense per this policy or request a due process hearing to show that its evaluation is appropriate. If the final decision in the due process hearing is that the District's evaluation is appropriate, the parent still has a right to an IEE, but not at public expense. Parents may only request one publicly funded IEE for each evaluation completed by the District.

Legal Reference:           Individuals With Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)  
                                  34 C.F.R. § 300.502 (2015)

Cross Reference:           342.01, Special Education  
                                  342.11AR, Independent Educational Evaluation (Admin. Rule)

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