

**Independent Educational Evaluation
Board of Education
Wrightstown Community School District**

The Wrightstown Community School District has a commitment to identify and provide services for students with special needs and abilities. Parents of a student with a disability have a right to obtain an independent educational evaluation if they disagree with the district's identification and evaluation. An independent educational evaluation (IEE) is a publicly funded evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the district. Publicly funded means that the district either pays for the full evaluation or ensures that the evaluation is otherwise provided at no cost to the parent. For purposes of this policy, educational evaluation means procedures to determine whether the child:

- has a disability, as defined by the Individual Disabilities Education Act (IDEA);
- is eligible for special education; and,
- if eligible, the nature and extent of special education and related services that are required.

The IEE must meet District criteria for IEEs, which is the same criteria that the District uses when it conducts its own evaluations. Procedures for educational evaluations are described in 34 CFR 300.530-536. Criteria specific to independent evaluations are provided in 34 CFR 300.502-507. Parents may only request one publically funded IEE for each evaluation completed by the District.

To qualify as a publicly funded IEE, the district must receive the request within one year from the date of the contested district evaluation. The district will consider requests after this time period if unique circumstances exist. Upon receiving a request, the district will either request a due process hearing to defend its evaluation or provide written notice to the parents that it has received and conditionally approves the request. The written notice will contain information regarding where an independent evaluation may be obtained and the agency criteria applicable for independent educational evaluations.

A more complete description of the IEE process and requirements is provided in the Procedures section of this policy.

Legal References: IDEA 34 CFR 300.500
IDEA 34 CFR 300.502-507
IDEA 34 CFR 300.530-536
Wisconsin State Statute 115.792

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