

INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION

With regard to the policy on Special Education (#342.1), if the parent/guardian disagrees with an evaluation obtained by South Shore School District, the parent/guardian may request an independent educational evaluation at public expense.

The criteria under which an evaluation may be obtained at public expense are:

- a. The parent/guardian must put the request for an independent educational evaluation in writing.
- b. The evaluator must be licensed by the State of Wisconsin and have qualifications equal to or exceeding District personnel, unless no such state license exists for specific disability evaluators. In that case, the district and parent/guardian will agree on an unlicensed qualified evaluator.
- c. The District will provide a list of qualified evaluators that meet the same criteria as listed above in paragraph b.
- d. Costs associated with the evaluation will not exceed \$600. Parents/ guardians shall, however, be given the opportunity to show that unique circumstances justify exceeding this cost. If the Board feels the cost is unreasonable, it shall request a due process hearing to determine whether the fee shall be paid by the district.

LEGAL REF.: Section 115, Subchapter V, Wisconsin Statutes Section 118.13
Chapter PI 11, WI Administrative Code
Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973
IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Improvement Act of 2004)

CROSS REF.: 411, Equal Educational Opportunities
342.1, Special Education

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