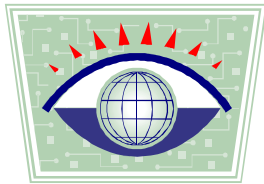


## An IEE may cost a lot of money..

It is very important that you know who will pay for the IEE before it is actually done. If you and the school district cannot agree on who will pay, mediation or a due process hearing may be needed.

- The school district will pay for the IEE if the district agrees to do so, or if an administrative law judge orders the district to pay as the result of a due process hearing.
- You will pay for the IEE if you choose to, or if an administrative law judge decides, as the result of a due process hearing, that the school district's evaluation is complete, correct, and fair.



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## In Conclusion...

The person you choose to do the IEE must be fully trained and qualified. If the person is not fully qualified, the school district will not pay for the IEE. The school district will give you a list of outside persons who are qualified to do IEE's, or a list of the qualifications such people must have.

No matter who pays for the IEE, the results will become part of your child's record. The team will use the results to help them make decisions and plans for your child's education.

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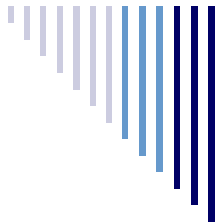
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## Independent Educational Evaluation



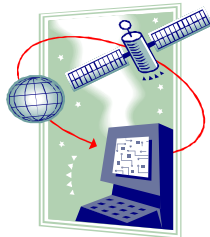
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At any time, you can pay to have your child privately tested and bring the results of that testing to an eligibility staffing or an IEP meeting. The team will consider the information you have provided. However, there is a special situation in which the school district may agree to pay for private testing. If the school has already done an individual evaluation of your child and you disagree with the results of that evaluation, you can ask the district to pay for an independent educational evaluation (IEE).



**IEE=**  
**Independent**  
**Educational**  
**Evaluation**

### **An IEE is an evaluation done by a person who does not work for the school system.**

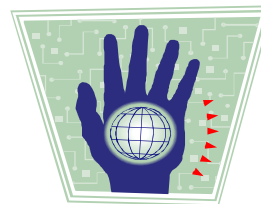
You may ask for an IEE if you have a good reason to believe that the school's evaluation of your child is:

- not complete
- not correct
- not fair

### **When you ask for an IEE, you are really asking for a second opinion.**

You will want to do these things *before* asking for an IEE:

- Study the school's evaluation carefully.
- Be able to explain why you think the school's evaluation is not correct, not complete or not fair.
- Ask people at the school to talk with you about their evaluation. They may be able to clear up your concerns.
- Ask the school to do another evaluation or to add to the evaluation that has already been done.
- Talk with the ESE administrator in your local school district office.



### **If you and the school district still cannot agree about the school's evaluation, and you decide to ask the district to pay for an IEE, you should do several things:**

- First, call the ESE administrator and let him or her know about your decision.
- Next ask for the IEE in writing-some school districts have a form you can use.
- Then, wait for a letter from the school district staff that tells you what they have decided. Do not have the IEE done until you hear from the school district.
- You may ask for free mediation services at any time to help you and the school district solve the disagreement.
- Finally, keep in mind that you or the school district may choose to ask for a due process hearing to decide who will pay for the IEE.

