

## FAIRFIELD AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

### INDEPENDENT EDUCATION EVALUATION (IEE)

5245

5245.1

#### Definition

An Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) is an evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the School District responsible for the education of the child. A parent/guardian of a child with a disability, or thought to have a disability, has the right under Federal and State regulations to obtain an IEE at public expense under certain conditions.

5245.2

#### Parental Right to Request IEE

A parent/guardian has the right to request an IEE at public expense if they disagree with an evaluation conducted by the School District. Upon receiving a request, the School District will provide, without delay, either an IEE at public expense per this policy or initiate mediation or due process hearing to show School District's evaluation is appropriate.

If the hearing officer determines that the District's evaluation is appropriate, the parent/guardian has the right to an IEE, but not at public expense. If the hearing officer determines the need for an IEE, the IEE will be conducted at public expense. IEE's at public expense are to be conducted according to the same criteria that apply to evaluations conducted by the School District.

5245.3

#### Results

The result of an IEE that meets the School District's criteria will be considered by the School District when any decision is made with respect to the child's FAPE. However, no single assessment or procedure may be used as the sole criterion for determining whether a child has a disability and if a child's educational program is appropriate. Therefore, the results of an IEE are not used as the only factor in determining eligibility for individualized education programs. Information collected from teachers, parents, response to treatment interventions, class performance, and previous evaluations are examples of other data that may be used in determining the need for specially designed instruction.