

Independent Education Evaluation (IEE) Information Packet for
Families



INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATIONS

INTRODUCTION

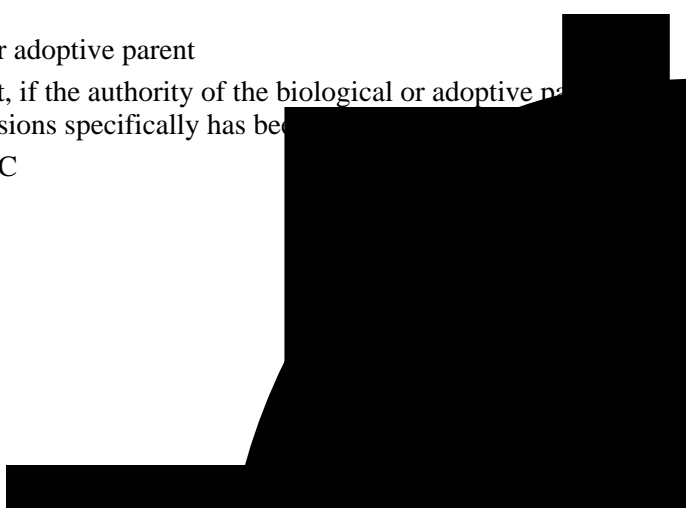
The Sacramento City Unified Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) has developed the following guidelines to provide parents of students with disabilities an overview of the federal and state laws surrounding Independent Educational Evaluations (IEEs).

It is recommended that parents review this entire document carefully. The policies, procedures and criteria are intended to be read as one comprehensive document.

Parents who would like additional information about IEEs should contact the SELPAs office at (916) 643-9163.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

The following definitions apply for the purposes of this document:

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| Independent Educational Evaluation | An evaluation conducted by a qualified examiner who is not employed by the responsible local educational agency (LEA) or district. |
| Public Expense | The LEA/district either pays for the full cost of the evaluation or ensures that the evaluation or evaluation components are otherwise provided at no cost to the parent. |
| Parent | <ul style="list-style-type: none">•A child's biological or adoptive parent•A child's foster parent, if the authority of the biological or adoptive parent to make educational decisions specifically has been removed by court order. 34 C.F.R. § 300.511 |
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TIMELINES FOR CONDUCTING AN IEE

The LEA/district may not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE at public expense. 34 CFR 300.502(e) (2)

LOCATION

It is recommended to locate an evaluator within the LEA/district's county or neighboring counties. Evaluators outside of this area will be approved only on an exceptional basis by the LEA/district if the parents or the LEA/district can demonstrate there is a unique need for a specialized evaluation and that there are no qualified evaluators within the specified area who can appropriately assess their child's educational needs. IEE evaluators will be reimbursed the federal business mileage reimbursement rate for required travel if the evaluator is located outside of the LEA/district's county.

An evaluator shall administer the IEE in the same type of educational setting as that used by the LEA/district in providing similar evaluations including, but not limited to, classroom observations.

Type of Assessment	Minimum Qualifications
Academic Achievement	Credentialed Special Education Teacher Licensed Educational Psychologist Pupil Personnel Services Credential
Adaptive Behavior	Licensed Educational Psychologist Pupil Personnel Services Credential
Adaptive Physical Education	Credentialed Adapted Physical Education Specialist
Assistive Technology	Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist Occupational Therapist Certified Assistive Technology Specialist
Auditory Acuity	Licensed Educational Audiologist Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential Language, Speech and Hearing and Audiology Credential
Auditory Perception/Processing	Language, Speech and Hearing and Audiology Credential Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential Education Specialist Instruction Credential: Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing Licensed Educational Psychologist Pupil Personnel Services Credential
Functional Behavioral Assessment	Credentialed Special Education Teacher Pupil Personnel Services Credential Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist Licensed Clinical Social Worker Licensed Educational Psychologist Board Certified Behavior Analyst
Cognitive	Licensed Educational Psychologist Pupil Personnel Services Credential
Health	Licensed Physician Registered Nurse School Nurse Services Credential
Motor	Licensed Physical Therapist Registered Occupational Therapist Adaptive Physical Education Specialist
Occupational Therapy	Licensed Occupational Therapist
Orientation and Mobility	Clinical or Rehabilitative Services Credential Education Specialist Instruction Credential: Physical and Health Impairment
Physical Therapy	Licensed Physical Therapist

Speech and Language

Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Pathologist

The cost of an assessment provided by a private service provider, with appropriate qualifications, within a reasonable distance from the District, usually 40 miles.

A parent/guardian shall have the opportunity to demonstrate that unique circumstances justify a financial waiver of any of the cost determination criteria listed above as defined by the District.

Based on the cost limitations contained in District/SELPA and region, the suggested cost of an IEE should be limited to the following table of maximum costs, absent extraordinary circumstances.

Sacramento City Unified SELPA Type of Assessment	Allowable Rate: Up to
Academic Achievement	\$1250



EVALUATIONS ORDERED BY

Appendix: SCUSD Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Flowchart

