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Subject: Independent Educational Evaluations Policy

The Board of Education recognizes the right, under Federal and State regulations, of parents or guardians of a student who has or is thought to have a disability to receive an independent educational evaluation at public expense if they disagree with the evaluation obtained by the Committee on Special Education (CSE) or the Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE).

The independent educational evaluation shall be conducted by a qualified examiner who possesses a current license or certification from the New York State Education Department in the area of the evaluation and who is not employed by this School District. Upon request, parents will be provided with a list of public and private agencies and professional resources where independent evaluations may be obtained. These publicly-funded independent educational evaluations are subject to the same criteria that the public agency uses when it initiates an evaluation.

The District has the right to initiate an impartial hearing to demonstrate that its evaluation is appropriate. If the hearing officer determines that the District's evaluation was appropriate, a parent or guardian is not entitled to reimbursement at public expense.

The Board of Education directs the Superintendent or his/her designee to develop administrative regulations on independent evaluations in order to explain the rights of parents and the responsibilities of school districts with regard to independent evaluations, and also to avoid any misunderstandings.

8 New York Code of Rules and Regulations
(NYCRR) Sections 200.1 (u) and 200.5(a)
34 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR)
Sections 300.12 and 300.503

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