

**PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**  
***(Evaluation Criteria for District and Independent Evaluations)***

The parents of a student with a disability may obtain an independent evaluation of the student at public expense, subject to the same qualifications the Cole County R-I School District uses when it initiates an evaluation, if the parent disagrees with the district's evaluation of the student.

If a parent requests an independent educational evaluation at public expense, the district must either (1) initiate a due process hearing to demonstrate that its evaluation is appropriate or (2) ensure that an independent evaluation, within the following criteria, is provided. The district will provide all parents a listing of the following evaluator qualifications at their request.

As a condition for payment, all evaluators must agree in writing to release their assessment information and results to the district prior to receipt of payment for services.

The following is a listing of the qualifications and criteria required for district and independent evaluations. If a student has unique circumstances that justify an evaluation that does not meet the following criteria, the district may grant exceptions.

**Minimum Qualifications for Evaluators**

Type of Assessment	Qualifications
Intellectual/Cognitive	Licensed Psychologist, Certified School Psychological Examiner Certified School Psychologist Educational Diagnostician
Adaptive Behavior	Licensed Psychologist, Certified School Psychological Examiner Certified School Psychologist Educational Diagnostician Certified Special Education Teacher
Achievement	Licensed Psychologist, Certified School Psychological Examiner Certified School Psychologist Educational Diagnostician Certified Special Education Teacher
Speech/Language	Speech/Language Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Specialist

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Type of Assessment	Qualifications
Social/Emotional/ Behavioral	Licensed Psychologist, Certified School Psychological Examiner Certified School Psychologist Educational Diagnostician Certified Special Education Teacher Social Worker Licensed Psychiatrist
Vision	Licensed Ophthalmologist Licensed Optometrist
Use of Residual Vision and Orientation/Mobility	Certification of the Visually Impaired
Visual Perceptual	Certified Teacher of the Visual Impaired Certified Special Education Teacher School Psychological Examiner Educational Diagnostician Licensed Psychologist
Hearing	Licensed Audiologist Certified Audiologist
Auditory Perceptual	Speech/Language Certified or Licensed Speech/Language Specialist Certified Special Education Teacher Educational Diagnostician School Psychological Examiner Licensed Psychologist Certified School Psychologist
Health	Licensed Physician Licensed Psychiatrist
Motor	Registered Physical Therapist Registered Occupational Therapist Certified Special Education Teacher Educational Diagnostician
Other	To be determined based on a case by case basis.

### Location Limitation for Evaluators

Evaluators used by the district, or utilized for independent evaluations, will be located within 150 miles. Evaluators outside this area will be approved only in exceptional circumstances.

### Cost Guidelines for Evaluations

- ▶ Multiple Discipline Cost Schedule -- An independent educational evaluation will be limited to a cost of \$1,000.
- ▶ Single Discipline:

Type of Assessment	Maximum Cost
Intellectual	\$ 400
Adaptive Behavior	\$ 200
Achievement	\$ 400
Speech/Language	\$ 400
Social/Emotional/Behavioral	\$ 400
Vision	\$ 150
Use of Residual Vision and Orientation/Mobility	\$ 150
Visual Perceptual	\$ 150
Hearing	\$ 150
Auditory Perceptual	\$ 150
Health	\$ 100
Motor	\$ 250
Other	To be determined on a case by case basis.

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***Note: The reader is encouraged to review policies and/or forms for related information in this area.***

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