



Educational Board Approved Policies

A7: Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) Policy

1. General Statement of Policy

Albert Einstein Academies (AEA) desires to set policies that provide all students with access to appropriate education and educationally related services. At times, these policies require that a student be assessed to determine what specific services are needed for that student. To the extent required by law, AEA will provide all assessments necessary to deliver educational services to the benefit of all of its students. AEA will follow the El Dorado County Charter SELPA Guidelines.

2. Assessments

Within 15 calendar days of written request, or otherwise required legal timeline, AEA will provide an assessment plan, performed by AEA, to the parents/guardians of any student that has been identified as potentially needing special education services. This identification can be made by the parents/guardians or by the school. AEA will complete any relevant assessment(s) within the 60 day, or otherwise required legal timeline, requirement.

3. Independent Education Evaluation

If, after a student is assessed by AEA, the parents/guardians of the student do not agree with the results of one or more of the assessments completed by AEA, the parents/guardians have the right to seek an Independent Educational Evaluation (“IEE”) at public expense. IEE’s are addressed in federal regulations and in California law. An IEE is an evaluation conducted by a qualified individual who is not an employee of AEA.

In the event that AEA receives a parent request for an IEE, AEA must, without unnecessary delay, either provide the IEE at school expense, per this policy, or request a due process hearing to show that AEA’s own assessment is appropriate. AEA is only responsible for one IEE in each discipline area.

AEA, through the Superintendent or designee, shall ensure the IEE is conducted by a qualified individual. In order to qualify, both AEA and the parent/guardian shall mutually agree to the evaluator and AEA may



consider the cost, distance from AEA, and other relevant parameters including licensing or credentialing of the evaluator in their determination.

The cost of an IEE shall be comparable to those costs that AEA incurs when it uses its own employees or contractors to perform a similar assessment, as identified above. Costs may include observations, record review, administration and scoring of tests, report writing, and attendance in person or by phone at an IEP team meeting. Not included as part of the IEE are costs related to any unnecessary travel related time/expenses by the evaluator not agreed to in advance.

The Following are Reasonable Maximum Amounts for an IEE by discipline area:

Type of Assessment	Cost for Assessment
Assistive Technology	\$1,200
Auditory Perceptive/Auditory Processing	\$700
Functional Behavioral Assessment	\$3,000
Cognitive/Full Psycho-Educational	\$6,000
Occupational Therapy	\$1,000
Physical Therapy	\$1,000
Speech and Language	\$1,200
Functional Vision	\$1,000

IEE costs above these amounts will not be approved unless the parent/guardian can demonstrate that such costs reflect unique circumstances justifying the selection of an evaluator whose fees fall outside these criteria. Where there is a dispute, AEA must, without unnecessary delay, initiate a hearing to demonstrate that the evaluation does not meet AEA’s cost criteria.

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