

How to Request an Independent Educational Evaluation

When parents do not agree with a school's evaluation for special education, they have the right to request an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) at public expense, which means the Hawaii State Department of Education can pay for an independent evaluation.

STEP 1

Parent Disagrees with School Evaluation

Parents can disagree with one or more assessments or the entire evaluation, or if they feel their child was not assessed in a certain area.

STEP 2

Parent Requests an IEE Verbally or in Writing

Requests can happen in or outside of an IEP meeting. They must be made to the child's home school and can be requested verbally or a simple letter addressed to the school.

STEP 3

The School Agrees - or Not

The school has 10 calendar days to agree to the IEE or to file a due process complaint. If the school files for due process, it is because they believe their assessments were appropriate and valid.

STEP 5

Review of the IEE

The IEE must be reviewed, discussed and considered by the IEP team. It must contain information to help determine eligibility, if the child's disability requires special education and what the child's strengths and needs are.

STEP 4

Selection of Independent Evaluators

If the school agrees to an IEE, the parents may select an independent evaluator from a DOE provided list, or choose their own qualified evaluator. The school may select the evaluator a parent recommends, but they are not required to do so.

