Special Education

Requesting an Independent Evaluation of Your Child



Today's Date (include month, day, and year)

Your Name Street Address City, State, Zip Code Daytime telephone number

Name of the person to whom you're writing Title Street Address City, State, Zip Code

Dear (person's name),

My son/daughter, (child's name), is in the (_) grade at (name of school), in (teacher's name) class. He/She was evaluated for special education services in (month/year). I am writing to request an Independent Educational Evaluation at public expense, for the following reasons: (BRIEFLY list your reason(s). Be very specific. For example,)

"I disagree with the evaluation results because . . ."

"The evaluation should have included . . . "

"Evaluation should have been done in the area of . . ."

I would like this Independent Educational Evaluation to be done as quickly as possible so that we can fully address (child's name) needs. Please respond as soon as possible and send me copies of the school's guidelines for this. My daytime telephone number is (give your phone number). Thank you.

Sincerely, Your name

cc: your child's principal your child's teacher(s)

Note: The "cc:" at the bottom of the letter means you are sending a copy of your letter to the people listed after the cc.

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