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### Independent Educational Evaluation Policy

The parents of a child with a disability have the right to receive for their child an independent educational evaluation at the expense of Sylvan Heights Science Charter School (SHSCS) if the parents (a) disagree with an evaluation obtained by SHSCS

If a parent requests an independent educational evaluation at SHSCS's expense, SHSCS may initiate a hearing under 34 CFR 300.507 to show that its evaluation is appropriate; or ensure that an independent educational evaluation is provided at SHSCS's expense unless the evaluation the parents sought did not meet the school's criteria. If the school initiates a hearing and finds that the school's evaluation is appropriate, the parents still have the right to an evaluation, just not at the school's expense.

If the parents request an independent educational evaluation, the school may ask for the parents' reasons why they object to the school's evaluation. However, the parents' explanation is not required, and the school may not unreasonably delay in either providing an evaluation at the school's expense or initiating a due process hearing to defend the school's evaluation.

If a parent obtains an independent educational evaluation at private expense, if it meets school criteria, it must be considered in any decision made with respect to the provision of FAPE to the child. The information may be used as evidence at a hearing regarding that child.

If a hearing officer requests an independent educational evaluation as part of a hearing, the cost of the evaluation is the school's expense.

If an independent educational evaluation is a SHSCS's expense, the criteria under which the evaluation is obtained must be the same as the criteria that a school uses when it initiates an evaluation, to the extent those criteria are consistent with the parent's right to an independent educational evaluation.

The school will provide information regarding where an IEE can be obtained; notify parents of the when services are offered; not delay in providing parents with either an IEE or initiating a due process hearing to defend the parents' request for due process.

This policy information will be shared annually with faculty and staff.