

Mount Union Area School District  
603 N Industrial Drive  
Mount Union, PA 17066

**PARENT REQUEST FOR AN INDEPENDENT EDUCATION EVALUATION**

I am not in agreement with the educational evaluation completed by the school district personnel.  
My reasons for disagreement are:

I am requesting that:

- Someone contact me to discuss my concerns.
- A list of independent evaluators and other pertinent information be sent to me.
- The district consider the results of an independent evaluation conducted at my own expense when determining my child's need for special education service.

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_

\* A parent is entitled to only one independent educational evaluation at public expense each time the public agency conducts an evaluation in which the parent disagrees.

## **Sources of Independent Evaluations**

Penn State University School Psychology Clinic  
227 CEDAR Building  
University Park, PA 16802  
814-865-1881

Indiana University Department of Psychology  
101 Uhler Hall  
1020 Oakland Avenue  
Indiana, PA 15705  
724-357-2426

Clarion University Speech and Hearing Clinic  
840 Wood Street  
Keeling Health Center  
Clarion, PA 16214  
814-393-2326

Penn State University Communication Sciences and Disorders  
110 Moore Building  
University Park, PA 16802  
814-865-3584

Juniata College  
1700 Moore Street  
Huntingdon, PA 16652  
Attn: Kathryn Westcott  
814-641-3656

### **EXHIBIT 3: Cost Limitation for Evaluation**

An independent multidisciplinary evaluation will be limited to a total cost of \$1,000. Single Disciplinary evaluation will be limited to the following schedule of cost:

Academic Achievement	\$150 - \$300
Adaptive Behavior	\$100 - \$200
Assistive Technology	\$200 - \$400
Auditory Acuity	\$60 - \$150
Auditory Perception (CAP)	\$100 – \$150
Cognitive	\$150 - \$300
Motor	\$150 - \$250
Sensory-Motor Integration	\$200 - \$300
Speech/Language	\$200 - \$400
Social/Emotional/Behavioral	\$200 - \$400
Vision	\$60 - \$100
Functional Vision	\$60 - \$150

Mrs. Dianne Thomas  
Director of Special Education/Pupil Services  
Mount Union Area School District  
603 N Industrial Drive  
Mount Union, PA 17066

*Special Education Services*

Dear \_\_\_\_\_:

Your request for an independent educational evaluation has been approved. Attached is a list of sources for an independent evaluation. The evaluation must also include information about school functioning based upon school records and reports from the teacher(s). A classroom observation must be conducted if the disability being considered is a learning disability. We will cooperate with your evaluator to provide this information.

Independent evaluators must agree to release their assessment information and results to the school district prior to receipt of payment for services. Please request that your evaluator forward the evaluation results and their invoice to Mrs. Dianne Thomas, Director of Special Education at 706 N Shaver Street Mount Union, PA 17066. The results of the independent evaluation will be considered in the diagnosis, program decisions, and placement of the student in accordance with the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA).

If you decide to obtain an independent evaluation at private expense, the results of the evaluation will also be considered in any decision made with respect to the provision of a free appropriate public education as long as the evaluation meets criteria outlined in IDEA.

Sincerely,

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

Your request for an independent educational evaluation at public expense has been denied. The district denied your evaluation for the following reasons:

We are initiating a hearing under 34 CFR 300.502 to show that the evaluation conducted by the district is appropriate.

If you have any questions about this decision please contact Mrs. Dianne Thomas, Director of Special Education, at 814-542-2518, Ext. 162

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Sincerely,