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IEE at Parent Expense

The Contra Costa School of Performing Arts (“SPA” or “the Charter School”) Governing Board (“Board”) acknowledges that a parent/guardian has the right to obtain an Independent Educational Evaluation (“IEE”) at their own expense at any time.

IEE at Public Expense

The Board recognizes that federal and state laws provide parents/guardians of students with disabilities with the right to obtain an IEE, at public expense, when the parent/guardian disagrees with an assessment conducted by SPA.

The (*Executive Director*) or designee(s) shall, without unnecessary delay, ensure that when a parent/guardian requests an IEE at public expense, SPA provides the parent/guardian with a copy of the SPA Procedural Safeguards *and* either:

1. Initiates a due process hearing to show that the evaluation completed by the SPA is appropriate; or
2. Provides the parent/guardian with information about where an IEE may be obtained and SPA’s criteria for IEEs, and ensure that an IEE is provided at public expense.

SPA will provide only one IEE at public expense for each evaluation with which a parent/guardian disagrees.

In instances in which SPA is granting a parent’s request for an IEE, the (*Executive Director*) or designee(s) shall ensure the following:

1. The criteria under which the IEE is obtained at public expense, including the location of the evaluation and the qualifications of the examiner, is the same as the criteria that SPA uses when it initiates an evaluation.
2. Except for the criteria described in paragraph 1 above, SPA does not impose conditions or timelines related to obtaining an IEE at public expense.

IEE Cost Limits

The cost determination for an IEE shall be comparable to the costs incurred by the LEA when it uses its own employees or contractors to complete an assessment, whenever possible. As a result, the *(Executive Director)* or designee(s) shall provide a parent/guardian with a recommended cost ceiling. The cost ceiling shall be updated *(once every three years)* and determined by averaging the cost of the following three assessors:

1. The cost of an assessment provided by a SPA employee;
2. The cost of an assessment provided by a neighboring LEA; and
3. The cost of an assessment provided by a private service provider, with appropriate qualifications, within *(40 miles)* of SPA.

The *(Executive Director)* or designee(s) shall ensure a parent/guardian may demonstrate that unique circumstances, related to the student's educational need(s), justify a financial waiver of any of the cost ceiling as defined by SPA.

The *(Executive Director)* or designee(s) may request that the parent/guardian voluntarily have their private health insurance pay the costs of the IEE if covered by their insurance. However, the LEA governing board recognizes that federal and state laws specify that parents/guardians are not required to have private insurance cover the costs of an IEE.

IEEs in an Individualized Education Program ("IEP")

In all circumstances, the *(Executive Director)* or designee(s) shall ensure that the student's IEP team shall consider the results of the IEE when determining an offer of a Free Appropriate Public Education ("FAPE") for the student. However, the IEP team may consider additional factors in making this determination.