

COLCHESTER SCHOOL DISTRICT**POLICY: INDEPENDENT EDUCATIONAL EVALUATION POLICY****DATE ADOPTED:** March 8, 2005**POLICY STATEMENT**

The Colchester School District recognizes that the Individuals with Disabilities Act (the "IDEA") provides a right to parents to obtain an independent evaluation of their child under the IDEA and its implementing regulations. The District also recognizes that, under the Act, the parent has a right to obtain such independent evaluation at public expense, if the parent disagrees with an evaluation obtained or performed by the District, unless the District challenges the parents' request at due process, by showing that the District's evaluation was appropriate, and/or that the parents' evaluation did not meet the criteria provided for by statute and regulation and by this policy and implementing its procedures.

The Superintendent or his/her designee shall develop and revise procedures as needed to implement this policy, and to comply with current and future State and federal law.

Legal References: 20 U.S.C. §§1415 (b) (1); 34 C.F.R. §§300.502; VDE Rule 2362.2.7.

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