



## OCECD Parent Toolkit

INFORMATION  
SHEETS



**Be INFORMED.**

**Be EMPOWERED.**

**Be your child's  
ADVOCATE.**

Ohio  
Coalition  
for the  
Education  
of Children  
with  
Disabilities  
(OCECD)

165 West Center St.  
Suite 302  
Marion, Ohio 43302

740-382-5452  
844-382-5452

Visit our website at  
[www.ocecd.org](http://www.ocecd.org)



## Private Evaluation Tips



Parents may obtain an evaluation by an independent evaluator at their own expense to support a child's educational needs and programming.

When a parent makes a private evaluator's findings available to the school district, the IEP team **is required** to meet to **consider** the findings of the private evaluation.

The school district **is not required** to accept the outside evaluator's findings by implementing their recommendations in the child's IEP.

Private evaluations paid for by the parent can be introduced as evidence in a due process hearing to determine what is a free appropriate public education (FAPE) for a child.



Disclaimer: This publication is intended to provide information only and is not intended as legal advice. You should consult a lawyer, if you need legal advice.