

SANTA BARBARA COUNTY  
SPECIAL EDUCATION LOCAL PLAN AREA

3000 BUSINESS AND NON-INSTRUCTIONAL OPERATIONS

3200 BUDGET PLANNING PROCESS

3214 Payment for Independent Educational Evaluations (IEE)

1. For non-regional programs, the district of residence of the student (which shall include the County Education Office for student residing in direct service districts who receive special education services from County Education Office staff), shall be responsible for payment of the costs of independent educational evaluations.
2. For regional programs, the costs of independent educational evaluations shall be included in the total costs for operation of the Regional Program under the following circumstances:
  - a. The parent requests an IEE and the regional program operator, with the agreement of the SBCSELPA Executive Director, determines that the IEE should be provided at public expense in lieu of requesting a due process hearing to show that its assessment was appropriate.
  - b. The parent requests reimbursement for an IEE obtained privately and the regional program operator, with the agreement of the SBCSELPA Executive Director, determines that the IEE should be funded in lieu of requesting a due process hearing to show that its assessment was appropriate.
  - c. The parent files a complaint with either the California Department of Education or the Office for Civil Rights and the corrective action requires payment of the costs of an IEE.
3. For student enrolled in regional programs, the cost of an IEE included as part of a mediation settlement agreement or due process hearing decision shall be included in the total costs for operation of the Regional Program.

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