

If you do not believe your child's special education program is helping your child succeed in school, you should first talk to your child's teacher. If you wish to visit your child's classroom to observe your child's program, you must follow the school's visitation policy. You can check with your school's administration office to learn more about the visitation policy. You can also request an IEP meeting to discuss changing your child's program if you think a change is necessary. The IEP team may then decide that a reevaluation is needed to gather more information about your child. Anytime school officials suggest a reevaluation of your child or your child's program, you will be invited to participate in the reevaluation process. You may request an IEP team meeting, a mediation session, or a due process hearing in order to resolve differences that you may have with school officials regarding your child's education.

If you are placing your child in a private school and are asking the school district to pay tuition for this private school because you believe your child is not receiving a free appropriate public education, you must give advance notice to school officials. This notice can be given at the IEP meeting or in writing 10 business days before you remove your child from public school. If you do not give this notice, the reimbursement to you may be reduced or denied. If the school district gave notice of their intent to evaluate your child for special education prior to your removal of your child, reimbursement may be reduced or denied if you did not make your child available for the evaluation. Reimbursement may be reduced or denied for the private placement if a court thinks your actions have been "unreasonable."

An exception to the reduction or denial of reimbursement will be made if:

- you are unable to read or write in English,
- physical or serious emotional harm to the child may result if the parent adhered to the prior notice requirements, the school prevented the parent from providing the notice to the school, or
- the school failed to give the parent notice of these rights and procedures.