

## **LFNO Private Evaluation Policy**

Lycée Français de la Nouvelle-Orléans accepts evaluations from private professionals and evaluators provided they meet Bulletin 1508 guidelines. Bulletin 1508 is the Louisiana State Department of Education regulatory guide for conducting evaluations and provides eligibility criteria for children suspected of being exceptional and requiring special education or related services. If a private evaluation does not meet these guidelines, LFNO will not accept the evaluation as compliant. Therefore, if a parent or guardian seeks a private evaluation for their child, it is strongly recommended they ensure the evaluators are trained on 1508 guidelines before proceeding.

Students who have been evaluated through LFNO may be referred for screening and evaluation after six months, but may not be evaluated more than once per academic year. Students who have been evaluated through LFNO may be evaluated again by a private evaluator at any time; however, if the time frame is less than a calendar year, the private evaluator must use a different version of the testing instrument or a different testing instrument altogether to ensure reliability and validity of the evaluation.

Private evaluations should be sent to the Director Special Education. Upon submission, the private evaluation will be reviewed for Bulletin 1508 compliance. Parents/guardians will be informed of the result in writing within 10 - 15 business days. If the evaluation meets 1508 guidelines, a meeting will be scheduled to create and implement the IEP. If the evaluation does not meet 1508 guidelines, no special education services will be offered at that time. However, the child may be referred to the Student Assistance Team at LFNO to discuss the needs of the child.