INDEPENDENT SCHOOL **DISTRICT NO. 477** SPECIAL EDUCATION **EVALUATIONS FOR** HOME-SCHOOLED OR PRIVATE-SCHOOL **STUDENTS** In response to the Individuwith Disabilities Education als

Improvement Act (IDEA 2004) Minnesota School Districts must demonstrate that "all children with disabilities, including children

with disabilities attending private schools, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, and who are in need of special education and related services, are identified, lo-

cated and evaluated." This responsibility extends to children with disabilities who are educated at home or in nonpublic schools.

Upon request, your local public school will provide information to concerned parents on specific disabilities including information about the educational or behavioral characteristics of each disability. Par-

ents who believe their child may indeed have a disability may request information on how to arrange for an evaluation through the district's special education staff.

Parents of students who are evaluated and are found to be eligible for special education services will become part of a team, which

will develop, implement and monitor the effectiveness of a Individual Service Plan to meet the identified needs of their children. If you have questions or would

like to receive information about specific disabilities or evaluation, please contact the principal of the school building your child would

be attending if he/she was enrolled in public school. Your school dis-

trict is committed to success for all learners.

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