

Changes to “Whose IDEA Is This?” from the July 1, 2008 version to the August 29, 2008 version

Changes to the document were very minor and for your convenience are summarized below. The date and page number of the changes made in the August 29th version is noted on the cover page. It is recommended that this email be printed out and inserted into already printed copies of the July 1, 2008 version of “Whose IDEA Is This?.” In this way new copies do not have to be made. If you have questions, they may be emailed to Ann.Guinan@ode.state.oh.us.

Sincerely,
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Table of Contents:

Updated to reflect changing the order of the forms (moved Withdrawal Form to the end of the document).

Note section at the bottom of the table of contents changed as below:

July 1, 2008 Version:

Refer to the operating standards which are posted on the Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE’s) Web site, www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Whose IDEA Is This?*, for the complete rules.

August 29, 2008 Version:

Refer to the operating standards which are posted on the Ohio Department of Education’s (ODE’s) Web site, www.ode.state.oh.us, keyword search: *Operating Standards Disabilities*, for the complete rules.

Page 3--Request for evaluation

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REQUEST FOR EVALUATION

Parent: Makes a written request for the child to be evaluated for a suspected disability.

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REQUEST FOR EVALUATION

Parent: Requests that your child be evaluated for a suspected disability either verbally or in writing. It is recommended that your request for an evaluation be in writing so that there is documentation of when the timelines for the school district’s response began.

Page 10--Referral

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If you, the parent, make the referral: Make the request in writing to the school district stating that you suspect your child has a disability and that you are asking for your child to be evaluated.

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If you, the parent, make the referral: Requests that your child be evaluated for a suspected disability

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Page 44--Appeal of Decision

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You may appeal the decision: In a district court of the United States within 90 days of receiving notice of the state level review officer's decision; or

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You may appeal the decision: In a district court of the United States within 90 days from the date of the state level review officer's decision; or

Forms (at the end of document)

Withdrawal Form moved to last page (4th of 4 forms).

Due Process Complaint and Request for a Due Process Hearing moved from last page to 2nd of 4 forms. Instructions on page 1 of this form were also rearranged to match the order in the form.