

# INDEPENDENT EVALUATORS

\* The thirteen disabilities defined in Chapter 14 are as follow: 1) Autism; 2) Deaf – blindness; 3) Deafness; 4) Emotional disturbance; 5) Hearing impairment; 6) Mental retardation; 7) Multiple disabilities; 8) Orthopedic impairment; 9) Other health impairment; 10) Specific learning disability; 11) Speech or language impairment; 12) Traumatic brain injury; 13) Visual impairment including blindness.

An independent evaluator conducting assessments to examine eligibility for the following disability categories require the evaluator to be a **Certified School Psychologist**: Autism, Emotional Disturbance, Mental Retardation, Multiple Disabilities, Other Health Impairment, Specific Learning Disability, Traumatic Brain Injury.

In conjunction with a **Certified School Psychologist**, assessments of the following disability categories also require a diagnosis of a **physician** qualified to render such a diagnosis and specifying the nature and degree of the impairment: Autism, Orthopedic Impairment.

Assessments of the following disability categories require an assessment by qualified **specialist** specifying the nature and degree of the impairment:

Visual Impairment Including Blindness – Eye Specialist  
Hearing Impairment or Deafness – Audiologist, Otologist, or Both  
Deaf-Blindness – Eye Specialist and Audiologist and/or Otologist  
Traumatic Brain Injury – Neurologist or Neurological Report from a Physician  
Speech or Language Impairment – Certified Speech Clinician

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\*\* This list could be adjusted or tailored depending on the reason for referral. The following certified school psychologists and licensed psychologist meet the criteria established for school district evaluations and are acceptable for the school district to provide to parents in order to perform an Independent Educational Evaluation at public expense:

Thomas G. Barlett, Ph.D.  
**Certified School Psychologist**

1755 Oregon Pike  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717.581.5255

Psychological Health Affiliates  
Tegan Blackbird, Ph.D.  
Licensed Psychologist  
**Certified School Psychologist**

108 South Main Street  
Manheim, PA 17545  
717.665.2675

- Able to complete neuropsychological assessments

Helen Bowman  
Licensed Psychologist

33 Beaver Drive  
DuBois, PA 15801  
814.371.1340

- Does more clinical evaluation for wrap around services
- Can do intellectual assessments/achievement testing

Dickinson Mental Health Center, Inc.  
Paul Francis, Ph.D.  
Licensed Psychologist

110 Lincoln Street  
Ridgway, PA 15853  
814.776.2145

- Does not accept ACCESS cards

Raymond W. Francis, Ph.D.  
Licensed Psychologist

118 West Long Avenue  
DuBois, PA 15801  
814.371.0794

Richard J. Freedman, Ph.D.  
Licensed Psychologist

129 North Michael Street  
Saint Marys, PA 15853  
814.834.7603  
814.723.6980 – Warren Office

Lee Ann Grisolano, Ph.D.  
**Certified School Psychologist**  
Licensed Psychologist  
Pediatric Neuropsychologist

101 West Grenada Avenue  
Hershey, PA 17033  
717.495.9505

- Able to complete neuropsychological assessments

Richard E. Hall, Ph.D.  
**Certified School Psychologist**

3 Springview Drive  
Lititz, PA 17543  
717.354.1114

Port Psychological Services, Inc.  
Daniel F. Kysor NCSP  
Licensed Psychologist  
**Certified School Psychologist**

10 Church Street  
Port Allegany, PA  
814.642.7772

- Able to complete neuropsychological assessments

Mr. Robert Porkolab  
**Certified School Psychologist**

R.D. #2, Box 313  
Kane, PA 16735  
814.945.6265

- Does not complete neuropsychological assessments
- Evaluation would most likely be conducted in school setting

Nixa M. Rodriguez, Ph.D.  
**Certified School Psychologist**

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Topton, PA 19562  
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