

Evaluator Questionnaire

Yes No

1. Are you a licensed clinical or certified school psychologist? (If yes, you do not have to finish answering these questions - you are qualified to evaluate.)
2. Are you a teacher certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania?
If not, go to question 7.
3. Are you certified in elementary education (K-6)? What is your degree? _____
Please note: elementary, according to home-school law does NOT include 7th and 8th grades. If you are an elementary evaluator, it is NOT legal for you to evaluate 7th and 8th grades.
4. If you are certified in elementary, have you had two years' experience in a private or public school grading* the following subjects **at the elementary level (K-6)**? (You do NOT have to be currently teaching.) Please check the subjects that you have graded.
Please note: if you are certified in secondary (not elementary), but you have graded papers for two years at the elementary level in a private school, you are subject to the ten-year rule for evaluating elementary students. Please go to question 7.
- English (spelling, reading, writing) Arithmetic
- Science Geography
- History of the U.S. and P.A. Civics
5. Are you certified in secondary education (grades 7-12)?
State the title of your degree. _____
6. If you are certified in secondary, have you had two years' experience in a private or public school grading* the following subjects **at the secondary level**? (You do NOT have to be currently teaching.) Please check the subjects you have graded.
Please note: if you are certified in elementary (not secondary), but you have graded for two years at the secondary level in a private school, you are subject to the ten-year rule for evaluating secondary students. Please go to question 10.
- English (language, literature, speech, reading, composition)
- Science (biology, chemistry, physics)
- Social studies (economics, civics, world history, history of the U.S. and Pennsylvania)
- Mathematics (general math, algebra, trigonometry, calculus, geometry)
- Foreign language
- Geography

*Grading, according to the law is "evaluation of classwork, homework, quizzes, classwork-based tests, and prepared tests related to classwork subject matter." - section 1327.1(a) of the PA home-school law.

If you are not certified in the area you graded for two years, please answer the following questions:

Yes No

7. Have you graded papers for two years at the elementary level (K-6) in a Pennsylvania public or non-public school? (Please check the subjects that you have graded.)

English (spelling, reading, writing) Arithmetic

Science Geography

History of the U.S. and P.A. Civics

8. In which elementary grades did you grade papers for two years?

Kindergarten 1st 3rd

4th 5th 6th

9. I last taught at the elementary level in a Pennsylvania public or non-public school within the past ten years.

The most recent year in which I taught (and graded papers) in a PA public or non-public school is _____ (please state the year).

Please note: If you last taught over ten years ago, you no longer fulfill the requirements of the PA law for evaluators. For example: if you last graded papers at the elementary level in 1990 (even if you are a certified teacher in secondary), it is not legal for you to evaluate elementary after the year 2000.

10. Have you graded papers for two years at the secondary level (7-12) in a Pennsylvania public or non-public school? (Please check the subjects that you have graded.)

English (language, literature, speech, reading, composition)

Science (biology, chemistry, physics)

Social studies (economics, civics, world history, history of the U.S. and Pennsylvania)

Mathematics (general math, algebra, trigonometry, calculus, geometry)

Foreign language

Geography

11. In which secondary grades did you grade papers for two years?

7th 8th 9th

10th 11th 12th

12. I last taught at the secondary level in a Pennsylvania public or non-public school within the past ten years.

The most recent year in which I taught (and graded papers) in a private school is _____ (please state the year).

Please note: If you last taught over ten years ago, you no longer fulfill the requirements of the PA law for evaluators. For example: if you last graded papers at the secondary level in 1990 (even if you are a certified teacher in elementary), it is not legal for you to evaluate secondary after the year 2000.

Yes No

13. Are you aware that your responsibility is to verify that the student progressed in the overall program of studies (not necessarily in each subject) and that any further suggestions will be pursued *at the discretion of the supervisor (parent)*?

“The evaluation shall be based on an interview of the child and a review of the portfolio required in clause (1) and shall certify whether or not an appropriate education is occurring... ‘appropriate education’ shall mean a program consisting of instruction in the required subjects for the time required in this act and in which the student demonstrates sustained progress in the overall program.”

Evaluator Name (please print)

Address

Phone Number Email

Evaluator’s Signature Date

I, _____, certify that all answers given above are truthful and accurate.
Evaluator

If the evaluator does not legally qualify to evaluate, the **parents** may request permission annually from their superintendent for the evaluator to evaluate their child. According to the law:
“At the request of the supervisor (parent), persons of other qualifications may conduct the evaluation with the prior consent of the district of residence superintendent.” -1327.1(d)

Please note the following explanation of this portion of the law by the PA Department of Education:
The parents may request EACH YEAR for this person to evaluate their student. (The law states that the request must come from the parent.) It is not a once-and-done request; it must be submitted ANNUALLY each year that evaluator is utilized.
- Sarah Pearce, PA Department of Education

Parents' Answer Key to Evaluator Questionnaire

This is for the parent's use only. This page should not be given to the evaluator.

Parents may select an evaluator from one of their acquaintances that is a teacher or a licensed psychologist. The evaluator does not have to be on anybody's "approved list." (If your student is enrolled in a home-school diploma program, it is the diploma program's prerogative, as a private organization, not to accept your choice of evaluator.) Just have your chosen evaluator fill out this form to verify that he/she is indeed qualified to evaluate your child. You may wish to mail it to your evaluator and include a self-addressed, stamped envelope so he/she can return it to you. Please remember, however, that the law does stipulate that the child is NOT to be evaluated by his/her parent or guardian.

Elementary

Your chosen evaluator is qualified to evaluate your **elementary level (K - 6) student** if he/she answered "yes" to *one* of these questions (these numbers correspond with the numbers on the "Evaluator Questionnaire"):

1. He/she is a licensed clinical or certified school psychologist.
2. He/she is a teacher certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania **AND**
 3. He/she is certified in elementary education (K-6) **AND**
 4. He/she has had two years' experience in private or public school grading any of the following subjects at the elementary level: English (spelling, reading, writing), science, arithmetic, geography, history of the U.S. and PA, or civics
7. He/she is not certified in the area he/she taught, but he/she has graded papers at a private school for two years at the elementary level (K-6) in one of the following subjects: English (spelling, reading, writing), arithmetic, science, geography, history of the U.S. and PA, or civics **AND**
9. He/she last graded papers at the private school within the past ten years.

If your chosen evaluator answered "yes" to number 2, the answers should be "yes" to 3 and 4, as well, to qualify him/her to evaluate your child at the elementary level. This teacher can evaluate indefinitely even if he ceased teaching years ago.

If your chosen evaluator answered "yes" to number 7, the answer given for number 9 should be "yes," as well, to qualify him/her to evaluate your child at the elementary level.

Secondary

Your chosen evaluator is qualified to evaluate your **secondary level (7-12) student** if he/she answered "yes" to *one* of these questions (these numbers correspond with the numbers on the "Evaluator Questionnaire"):

1. He/she is a licensed clinical or certified school psychologist.
2. He/she is a teacher certified by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania **AND**
 5. He/she is certified in secondary education (7-12) **AND**
 6. He/she has had two years' experience in private or public school grading any of the following subjects at the secondary level: English (language, literature, speech, reading, composition), science (biology, chemistry, physics), mathematics (general mathematics, algebra, trigonometry, calculus, geometry), geography, social studies (economics, civics, world history, history of the U.S. and PA), or foreign language
10. He/she is not certified in the area he/she taught, but he/she has graded papers at a private school for two years at the secondary level (7-12) in one of the following subjects: English (language, literature, speech, reading, composition), science (biology, chemistry, physics), mathematics (general mathematics, algebra, trigonometry, calculus, geometry), geography, social studies (economics, civics, world history, history of the U.S. and PA), or foreign language **AND**
12. He/she last taught at the private school within the past ten years.

If your chosen evaluator answered "yes" to number 2, the answers should be "yes" to 5 and 6, as well, to qualify him/her to evaluate your child at the secondary level. This teacher can evaluate indefinitely even if he ceased teaching years ago.

If your chosen evaluator answered "yes" to number 10, the answer given in number 12 should be "yes," as well, to qualify him/her to evaluate your child at the secondary level.