



## INFORMED CONSENT FOR PSYCHOEDUCATIONAL ASSESSMENT

Welcome to Eon Educational Services. We look forward to working with you.

Eon Educational Services clinicians and service providers include licensed educational psychologists, school psychologists, psychometrists, and others. Each psychometrist is a trained educator or psychologist in training who administers testing under the license and supervision of one of the licensed psychologists on staff.

Psychoeducational evaluations assess students' thinking, learning, behavior, and social-emotional functioning, as well as their current levels of academic achievement. These assessments can help identify giftedness, learning difficulties, struggles with attention and/or executive functioning, social maladjustment, and emotional problems. The results may be used to recommend educational interventions and accommodations, including those that are provided by individualized education programs (IEPs), Section 504 Plans, and college-level accommodations offered through university offices of student accessibility.

Eon Ed's psychoeducational evaluation sessions are typically scheduled across three or four client assessment sessions which include:

- A one-hour intake session during which background information is collected, we discuss student challenges, strengths, and goals, and we identify any specific questions you want the evaluation to answer.
- One or two in-person assessment sessions of between one and two hours each depending on the number of assessment tools applied and the test taker's tolerance for lengthy testing activities.
- A one-hour feedback session during which the results of the evaluation, the evaluation report, and intervention and accommodation recommendations are reviewed.

In addition to the work done during assessment sessions, Eon Ed staff may also speak with people such as parents, teachers, doctors, therapists, or others who are important in the client's life. This helps us develop a full and robust learning profile. After all assessment activities are complete, we prepare a detailed report that describes the results and what they mean for the client's everyday life. We also outline our recommendations to support the client's personal, work, academic, and social needs.

Psychoeducational evaluations at Eon Ed are billed at a rate of \$150/hr. They typically take between fifteen and twenty hours to complete with an estimated total cost of \$2,250 to \$3,000.

### Confidentiality

Information collected during the psychoeducational process is confidential and voluntary. Information about the client's contact with Eon Educational Services will not be shared with others outside of our organization without the client's informed consent, except in specific circumstances described herein.

In accordance with Massachusetts's law, all sessions with a psychologist, social worker, counselor, psychiatrist and clinician supervised by psychologists are confidential. The clinicians, service providers, and other staff members at Eon Ed will not give out any information about the client to the client's parents, friends, school, teachers or professors, or others without the client's permission except in these circumstances:

- Eon Ed providers have the discretion to compromise the confidentiality of the client's communications with them if they threaten to do harm to themselves or another individual, and the provider reasonably believes that the client may act on that threat.
- In cases of threats or actual violence toward another, the clinician is legally obliged to take protective actions which may include notifying the potential victim and the police in the potential victim's community.
- Psychologists, psychiatrists, social workers, and counselors are mandated reporters and are required to breach confidentiality by filing a report with the appropriate state agency if the client reports to us that a minor (under age 18), elder, or person with a disability is being abused.

In situations in which the clinician or other service provider believes the client poses a threat to themselves or others, they will arrange for the client to be evaluated by a psychiatrist or clinician in a hospital setting. It may also be necessary to contact family members or others who can help to provide for their safety.

Communication during psychotherapy meetings is privileged, meaning that clients have a legal right to prevent the clinician from testifying in most judicial hearings, even if a subpoena is issued. Exceptions to this are that a judge may require testimony in certain legal cases where:

- a client has died,
- the client is involved in a child custody or adoption proceeding,
- the client is involved in a lawsuit in which the client's mental condition is an important aspect of the case,
- the client is involved in legal proceedings related to psychiatric hospitalization, malpractice or a disciplinary proceeding against the psychologist or other clinician, or
- the court ordered the psychoeducational evaluation.

### **Treatment of Minors**

If the client is under eighteen years of age, a parent or legal guardian must consent to testing, and Eon Educational Services reserves the right to advise the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) about developments which could significantly affect the client's health or well-being. In such situations, the contents of specific communication between the client and a clinician or service provider will not be discussed, but concerns may be discussed in general terms. Eon Ed clinicians and service providers may release certain information without the client's consent to parent(s), legal guardian(s) or legal authorities under the following circumstances:

- The client communicates a plan to cause serious harm or death to themselves or someone else, and the clinician or other service provider believes they have the intent and ability to carry out this threat in the very near future.  
In such cases, the clinician or service provider is required to take steps to inform a parent or guardian of what they have been told and how serious they believe the threat to be.  
If the client intends to harm someone else, the clinician or other service provider must inform that person.
- The client indicates that they are doing things that could cause serious harm to themselves or someone else, even if they do not intend to harm themselves or another person.  
In these situations, the clinician or service provider will use their professional judgment to decide whether a parent or guardian should be informed.
- The client communicates that they are being abused physically or sexually or that they have been abused in the past.  
In this situation, the clinician or service provider may be required to report the abuse to the Massachusetts Department of Children and Families or law enforcement.  
Additionally, when a child abuse investigation is being conducted, Eon Educational Services providers must permit a state child abuse team to inspect and copy client records without the consent of the child, or the child's parent(s) or guardian(s).
- The client is involved in a court case and a request is made for information about the client's psychoeducational assessment data.  
If this happens, Eon Ed will not disclose information without the client's and possibly their parent's or guardian's written consent unless the court requires them to do so.  
Eon Ed will do all they can within the law to protect the client's confidentiality, and if we are required to disclose information to the court, we will inform the client that this is happening.

EXCEPTION: Parental and/or guardianship consent does not apply if a parent refuses to be involved; if there are clear clinical indications to the contrary; if the minor has been sexually abused by a parent; or if the minor is legally emancipated. However, exceptions to confidentiality may still apply to legal authorities if any of the above circumstances arises.

### **Communication with Parents and/or Guardians**

Except for situations such as those mentioned above, unless the client provides their written and/or verbal consent, Eon Ed clinicians and service providers will not tell parent(s) or guardian(s) private information shared in confidence during psychoeducational assessment sessions. This includes:

- Activities and behavior the client believes their parent(s) or guardian(s) would not approve of -- or would be upset by -- but that do not put the client at risk of serious and immediate harm.

**Consultation**

Eon Ed clinicians and service providers engage in professional consultations with other appropriate professionals about their assessment and/or recommendations to enhance the services provided to the client. Efforts would be made to avoid revealing clients' and families' identities. Any professional consulted on the client's behalf would also be legally bound to maintain confidentiality.

**Records**

Records of sessions with Eon Ed clinicians and psychoeducational assessment professionals are maintained and kept secure in Eon Educational Services' secure electronic records management system. All paper records including written notes, protocol forms, and response booklet data are promptly scanned and included in the electronic record then disposed of securely via shredder. Except for final evaluation reports, electronic records are destroyed after one year. Final evaluation reports are destroyed after seven years.

The client and/or parents of clients under the age of eighteen years have the right to know the contents of their file. To learn what is in the client's file, submit a written request to Eon Educational Services via email or at P.O. Box 325, Hudson, MA 01749, and a mutually agreeable time will be set to discuss this request.

I certify that I have read and understand the above information and that I am voluntarily consenting to psychoeducational evaluation.

Name of Client	Signature of Client	Date
Name of Client's Representative <small>(Clients under age 18 years)</small>	Signature of Client's Representative <small>(Clients under age 18 years)</small>	Date
Relationship of Representative to Client		