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Florida special education deadlines

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State rules as of November 20, 2026

RULE	FIRST LINE OF THE RULE	SOURCE
EVALUATIONS		
Responding to an evaluation request	Within thirty days of your evaluation request, the school must obtain your consent to evaluate or give you a written refusal unless you and the school agree otherwise in writing.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.0331(3)(c)
Completing an initial evaluation	In Florida, the initial evaluation must be finished within 60 calendar days after the school district receives your consent.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.0331(3)(g)-(h), effective September 23, 2025; FDOE DPS 2015-152, B-12; DPS 2025-113
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	In Florida, your child's first IEP must be developed within 30 calendar days after your child is found eligible for special education and related services.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03028(3)(f)2.
SCHOOL RECORDS		
Timing of access to education records	In Florida, once you ask to see your child's education records, the school district must let you inspect and review them within a reasonable time.	Fla. Admin. Code R. 6A-1.0955(8)(b)
Copies of records, fees and access barriers	Florida: A school may charge for copies of special-education records only if the fee does not prevent the parent from inspecting and reviewing them.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03311(3)(a); 34 C.F.R. § 300.617; Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03028(3)(b)8.; 34 C.F.R. § 300.322(f)
IEP REVIEWS AND REEVALUATIONS		
Regular IDEA reevaluation	Florida follows the federal rule.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.0331(7)(a)-(b)
Reviewing the IEP at least annually	In Florida, your child's IEP must be reviewed at least once every 12 months, and sooner when your child's needs or progress call for it.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03028(3)(f)3., (3)(j)1.–2.
TRANSITION PLANNING		
When transition goals and services begin	In Florida, the IEP team begins identifying your child's transition-service needs in seventh grade or at age 12, whichever comes first.	Fla. Stat. § 1003.5716(1)–(2)
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In Florida, by the time your child turns 17, the IEP must include the federal statement that your child was told about any rights that will transfer at 18.	Fla. Admin. Code R. 6A-6.03028(3)(h)10.; 34 C.F.R. § 300.320(c); Fla. Stat. § 1003.5716(1)(d); Fla. Admin. Code R. 6A-6.03311(8)(d)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Florida, special education rights under IDEA usually transfer from you to your child at age 18.	Fla. Admin. Code R. 6A-6.03311(8)(a)-(b)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	For the ordinary move from Early Steps to preschool special education, the IEP or permitted IFSP must be developed and implemented by the third birthday.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03028(3)(e); Fla. Stat. § 391.3081
Moving from early intervention to preschool	For the ordinary move from Early Steps to preschool special education, the IEP or permitted IFSP must be developed and implemented by the third birthday.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03028(3)(e); Fla. Stat. § 391.3081
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	Florida: For an IDEA disciplinary change of placement, a manifestation determination is required within 10 school days of the decision.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03312(3)
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Florida: Section 504 requires a reevaluation before a significant disciplinary change in placement.	34 C.F.R. § 104.35(a); U.S. Department of Education, Section 504 FAPE FAQ 29 (and FAQs 15–16)
Access to related-service logs and progress notes	In Florida, you have the right to see the service-provider logs and progress notes for the related services in your child's IEP.	Fla. Stat. § 1003.5716(5)(b); ch. 2026-59, §§ 14, 32
An IEP in place for the start of school	Florida: Each eligible student must have a current IEP in effect at the beginning of the school year.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03028(3)(f)1.
Notice after a missed related service	In Florida, the school district must let you know when a related service in your child's IEP isn't provided as scheduled.	Fla. Stat. § 1003.5716(5)(a); ch. 2026-59, §§ 14, 32; Fla. Admin. Code R. 6A-6.03411(1)(dd)1.
Give written notice before moving to a private school	In Florida, if you plan to move your child to a private school and ask the district to pay, give the district written notice at least 10 business days before your child leaves the public school.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.03311(7)(d)1.–5.

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IEP services after a move within the state	Florida: When a student with an IEP in effect transfers between Florida school districts, the receiving district must provide comparable services while it adopts the previous IEP or develops and implements a new one.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.0334(1)
IEP services after a move from another state	Florida: When a student with an IEP in effect transfers from another state during the same school year, the receiving Florida district must provide comparable services while it develops and implements a new IEP.	Fla. Admin. Code r. 6A-6.0334(3)

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