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Georgia special education deadlines

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State rules as of November 20, 2026

RULE	FIRST LINE OF THE RULE	SOURCE
EVALUATIONS		
Completing an initial evaluation	In Georgia, the initial evaluation must be finished within 60 calendar days after the school district receives your written consent.	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 160-4-7-.04(1)(b)-(c); GaDOE GO-IEP Timelines Report help
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	Once the team decides your child needs special education and related services, a meeting to write your child's first IEP must be held within 30 calendar days.	34 CFR 300.323(c)(1)
SCHOOL RECORDS		
Timing of access to education records	You have the right to review your child's education records that the school keeps or uses under IDEA.	34 CFR 99.10(b); 34 CFR 300.613(a)
Copies of records, fees and access barriers	Georgia LEAs may charge for copies only if the fee does not effectively prevent the parent from inspecting and reviewing records.	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 160-4-7-.08(2)(b)2., (2)(g)
IEP REVIEWS AND REEVALUATIONS		
Regular IDEA reevaluation	Your child must be reevaluated at least once every three years, unless you and the school agree it isn't needed.	34 CFR 300.303(a), (b)
Reviewing the IEP at least annually	Your child's IEP team must review the IEP periodically, and at least once a year, to see whether the annual goals are being met.	34 CFR 300.324(b)(1)(i)
TRANSITION PLANNING		
When transition goals and services begin	In Georgia, transition planning starts by the time your child enters ninth grade or by age 16, whichever comes first.	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 160-4-7-.06
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In Georgia, at least a year before your child turns 18, the IEP must say your child was told about any IDEA rights that will transfer to them at 18.	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 160-4-7-.06
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Georgia, special education rules set 18 as the age when IDEA rights transfer to your child.	Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. r. 160-4-7-.06(3), 160-4-7-.21(3); 34 CFR 300.520(a)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	For a child moving from early intervention (Part C) to preschool special education, an IEP, or an IFSP where that is allowed, must be developed and in place by the third birthday.	34 CFR 300.124(b); 300.101(b); 300.102(a)(1), (4)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Georgia: start the early-intervention-to-preschool transition well before age 3.	34 C.F.R. § 303.209(c)(1), (d)(2); Georgia DPH, Babies Can't Wait "Transition: Steps for Success" booklet (May 2025)
OTHER RULES		
Give written notice before moving to a private school	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.	34 CFR 300.148(d)–(e); 300.11(b)

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