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Hawaii 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 fifteen days after the school receives your evaluation request, you must receive either a written proposal and request for consent or a written refusal, along with a notice of your rights.	Haw. Code R. § 8-60-10(d)(2)
Completing an initial evaluation	Under federal law, the school generally must finish your child's initial evaluation within 60 calendar days after it receives your consent, unless your state sets its own timeline.	34 CFR 300.301(c)–(e); 300.309(c); 300.306(a)(1)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	In Hawaii, your child's first IEP meeting is due by the earlier of two dates.	HAR §§ 8-60-2, 8-60-31(b)(3), 8-60-47(c); HRS §§ 1-29, 8-1; Hyland v. Gonzales, 139 Hawai'i 386 (2017); 5 U.S.C. § 6103; 34 C.F.R. § 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	The school may charge only the actual cost of making copies of your child's records, and the charge cannot prevent you from seeing the records or include a fee for finding them.	Haw. Code R. §§ 8-34-6(6), 8-60-84
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 Hawaii, the first IEP in effect when your child turns 16 must include goals for life after high school (measurable postsecondary goals).	HAR §8-60-44(b)
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	The age of majority is when your child becomes a legal adult under state law.	34 CFR 300.320(c); 300.520(a)–(b)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Hawaii, IDEA education rights are presumed to transfer from you to your child at 18.	HRS §577-1; HAR §8-60-74(a)-(c); HRS §§302A-491(a)-(d), 302A-493(a)-(b)
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	For a toddler in early intervention who may be eligible for preschool special education, the early intervention program, with your family's approval, holds a transition conference with you and the school district at least 90 days before your child's third birthday.	34 CFR 303.209(c)(1); 303.209(b)–(f)
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	For ordinary discipline, removals totaling more than ten school days in the same school year count as a placement change in Hawaii, and the disability-related review is due within ten school days of the decision.	Haw. Code R. §§ 8-60-75(e)(1), (g)(2)(A), 8-60-81; 34 C.F.R. §§ 300.530(e), 300.536(a)
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Hawaii: A student with a 504 plan has discipline protections too.	34 CFR 104.35(a)
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)
IEP services after a move within the state	When a student transfers to a different public agency within the same state during the school year, the federal rule requires comparable services while the new agency adopts or replaces the IEP.	34 C.F.R. § 300.323(e); Haw. Admin. R. § 8-60-47(a),(d)

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