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Idaho 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 Idaho, no more than 45 school days can pass from when the school receives your written consent for the initial evaluation to the eligibility decision.	IDAPA 08.02.03.004.04; Idaho Special Education Manual (adopted Nov. 20, 2025), Ch. 4 §3(F); for consent received before July 1, 2026: IDAPA 08.02.03.109.03 (2024) and Idaho Special Education Manual (2018), Ch. 4 § F
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	The school must publish its copying fees, cannot let those fees prevent your access to records, and cannot charge for searching for or retrieving records.	Idaho Special Education Manual (2025), ch. 12, § 5(C)(5), printed p. 269
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	Under IDEA, your child's IEP must include transition goals and services, starting no later than the first IEP in effect when your child turns 16.	34 CFR 300.320(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 Idaho, the IEP team must discuss the transfer of special education rights by your child's 17th birthday.	Idaho Special Education Manual 2025, ch. 5 § 2(M)(2)–(3), ch. 12 § 2(C)(1)–(5), official PDF pp. 177–178, 257–258
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	In Idaho, preschool special education starts at age 3.	IDAPA 08.02.03.004.04; Idaho Special Education Manual 2025, ch. 5, § 5(A), (C)(1) (pp. 183–184) and ch. 1, § 8(D) (p. 87); Idaho Code § 33-2002(2)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Idaho: reviewed source coverage describes the planning steps for moving from early intervention into preschool services.	IDAPA 08.02.03.004.04; Idaho Special Education Manual (adopted Nov. 20, 2025), Ch. 5 §5(A)–(C)
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	The school must review whether the behavior was related to your child's disability immediately if possible and within ten school days after deciding on a disciplinary change of placement.	IDAPA 08.02.03.004.04; Idaho Special Education Manual (2025), ch. 11, § 4.A(2)
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Idaho: Federal Section 504 rules require an evaluation before a significant change in placement.	34 CFR 104.35(a)–(d), 104.36; 29 USC 705(20)(C)(iv)
The school's response to an IEE request	When you disagree with the school's evaluation, the school must fund an independent evaluation or request a hearing without unreasonable delay; reasonable cost limits apply, with an exception when unique circumstances justify a higher cost.	IDAPA 08.02.03.004.04; incorporated Idaho Special Education Manual (2025), ch. 12, § 6.C–D
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	Idaho: after an in-state transfer, services begin immediately on enrollment.	IDAPA 08.02.03.004; Idaho Special Education Manual 2025, ch. 5 §4(A)–(C), pp.181–183 (effective July 1, 2026)

RULE	FIRST LINE OF THE RULE	SOURCE
IEP services after a move from another state	Your child's current, new, amended, or interim IEP must start within five school days of enrollment.	IDAPA 08.02.03.004.04; Idaho Special Education Manual (2025), ch. 5, § 4.A(4), B(3)–(4)

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