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Indiana 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 ten instructional days after you request an evaluation from licensed school staff, verbally or in writing, the school must give written notice of its proposal or refusal.	511 Ind. Admin. Code 7-40-4(d)–(e)
Completing an initial evaluation	In Indiana, the initial evaluation must be done and the case conference committee (CCC) must meet within 50 instructional days after licensed school staff receive your written consent.	511 IAC 7-40-5(d); 7-32-22(c)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	In Indiana, federal law requires a meeting to write your child's first IEP within 30 calendar days after the team decides your child needs special education and related services.	34 C.F.R. §300.323(c)(1); 511 IAC 7-40-5(d), 7-42-5(a)(1), 7-42-8(a)(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	Indiana public agencies must provide copies of a student's educational evaluation report and IEP at no cost to the parent or student of legal age, including students attending nonpublic school.	511 IAC 7-38-1(h)
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 Indiana, a transition IEP must be in effect when your child turns 14 or starts ninth grade, whichever comes first.	511 IAC 7-32-48(b); 511 IAC 7-42-9(d); 511 IAC 7-43-4
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 Indiana, education decision rights usually transfer to your child at 18.	511 IAC 7-32-91, 7-42-6(f)(10), 7-43-5(a)-(f), 7-43-6(a)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	Indiana provides preschool special education services beginning at age 3.	511 IAC 7-32-90; 511 IAC 7-43-2(a), (d), (e)(1)–(2)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Indiana: start the early-intervention-to-preschool transition well before age 3.	511 IAC 7-43-2(a)-(e)
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	Your child's case conference committee must meet within ten instructional days after a decision to change placement for a conduct violation to decide whether the behavior is related to your child's disability.	511 Ind. Admin. Code 7-44-5(a)
The school's response to an IEE request	Within 10 business days after receiving a request for an independent evaluation at no cost to the parent, the school must request a hearing to defend its evaluation or give written notice that it will pay.	511 Ind. Admin. Code 7-40-7(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)

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