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Kentucky 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 Kentucky, within 60 school days after the school receives your consent for the initial evaluation, your child must be evaluated and, if eligible, receive services under an IEP.	707 KAR 1:320 §2(3)-(5)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	Kentucky follows the federal rule.	707 KAR 1:320 §2(3)-(5)
SCHOOL RECORDS		
Timing of access to education records	In Kentucky, once you ask to see your child's education records, the school must let you see them without unnecessary delay.	707 KAR 1:360 §1(1)
Copies of records, fees and access barriers	The school may charge for copies only when the fee does not prevent access to the records.	707 KAR 1:360 §1(2)(b), §5(1)-(2)
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	In Kentucky, 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.	707 KAR 1:320 §2(6)(a)-(b)
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	In Kentucky, at least a year before your child reaches the age of majority, the IEP must say your child was told about the rights that will transfer.	707 KAR 1:320 §5(14)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Kentucky, IDEA rights transfer from you to your child at 18, unless a court has declared your child incompetent under KRS Chapter 387.	707 KAR 1:340 §7(11); Kentucky Department of Education, Guidance for Individual Education Program Development, Age of Majority, p.64 (Reviewed June 2026)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	Eligible children must have an IEP in effect by their third birthday.	707 KAR 1:320 §1(7); 34 CFR 300.101(b)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Kentucky: with the family's approval, hold the early-intervention transition conference at least 90 days before the third birthday; the parties may agree to meet as early as nine months before.	34 CFR 303.209(b)-(d); KEIS Policy and Procedure Manual §10.3, pp.108-109
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	A manifestation determination is required within 10 school days after a decision to change placement for disciplinary reasons.	707 KAR 1:340 §15(1)
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Kentucky: A public-school student with a Section 504 plan or IEP must not be subjected to corporal punishment.	704 KAR 7:170 §§1–3
An IEP in place for the start of school	An IEP must be in effect for each eligible student when the school year begins.	707 KAR 1:320 §1(3)
Give written notice before moving to a private school	In Kentucky, 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.	707 KAR 1:370 § 1(3)–(4); 34 CFR 300.148(d)(1),(e); KDE Procedural Safeguards Notice, printed pp.31-32
IEP services after a move within the state	After a move within the state during the same school year, the new school must provide services comparable to the existing IEP while it adopts that IEP or develops and implements a new one.	707 KAR 1:320 §6(1),(3)
IEP services after a move from another state	After a move into Kentucky during the same school year, the new school must provide services comparable to the existing out-of-state IEP while it determines whether evaluation is needed and develops and implements a new IEP.	707 KAR 1:320 §6(2)-(3)

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