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Louisiana 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 business days after pupil appraisal receives a referral, the evaluation coordinator must request any needed consent and tell you the evaluation concerns and proposed assessments.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. CI, § 501(B)(1)(a)–(b)
Completing an initial evaluation	In Louisiana, the initial evaluation generally must be finished within 60 business days after the school receives your consent for evaluation.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, §§ 302(C)–(E), 905 (Day; Business Day; School Day); pt. CI, §§ 509(B), 511(A)–(B)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	Louisiana follows the federal rule.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, § 323(C)(1)
SCHOOL RECORDS		
Timing of access to education records	In Louisiana, once you ask to see your child's education records, the school district must let you inspect and review them without unnecessary delay.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, § 613(A)–(C); LDOE Educational Rights of Children with Disabilities (May 2025), Access Rights, p. 20; 34 CFR 300.613
Copies of records, fees and access barriers	Louisiana LEAs may charge for copies only if the fee does not effectively prevent parents from inspecting and reviewing records.	LDOE Educational Rights of Children with Disabilities (May2025), Fees, p20; 34 CFR300.617
IEP REVIEWS AND REEVALUATIONS		
Regular IDEA reevaluation	Louisiana follows the federal rule.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, § 304(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	In Louisiana, as under federal law, the IEP must say your child was told about any IDEA rights that will transfer.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, §§320(C), 520(A)–(C); 34 C.F.R. §300.320(c)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Louisiana, the special education rules set the age of majority at 18.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, §905 (Age of Majority definition)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	Your eligible child must have an IEP by the third birthday.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, §§ 101(B), 230(E)(1)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Louisiana: With the family's approval, EarlySteps holds a transition conference with the family and the school district when the child is between 2 years, 3 months and 2 years, 9 months old.	EarlySteps Practice Manual, Chapter 8: Early Transition, Transition at Age Three and Record Closure (Louisiana Department of Health, revised October 2023), pp. 3, 6–7
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	Within ten school days after a disciplinary placement-change decision, the review must consider relevant information, including your child's disciplinary and behavioral records and available medical information related to behavior.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, § 530(E)(1)
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Louisiana: In carrying out school discipline, employees and administrators must account for and follow relevant provisions of the student's IEP, Behavior Intervention Plan or Section 504 plan.	Louisiana R.S. 17:416(A)(5)–(6)
The school's response to an IEE request	Within fifteen business days after your request for a publicly funded independent evaluation, the school must either provide it at public expense or request a hearing to defend its evaluation, without unnecessary delay.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, § 503(B)(2)
An IEP in place for the start of school	Louisiana: An IEP must be in place when the school year starts.	La. Admin. Code tit. 28, pt. XLIII, §323(A)

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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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