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Maryland 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 Maryland, the initial evaluation must be finished within 60 days of your consent to assessment and within 90 days after the school receives a written referral, whichever comes first.	COMAR 13A.05.01.06A; 13A.05.01.04A(4)
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	Within five business days after the meeting, the school must give you a copy of your child's completed IEP in an accessible format, or a draft if the plan is still unfinished.	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 8-405(f)(1)–(3)
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 Maryland, transition planning starts earlier than federal law requires.	COMAR 13A.05.01.09A(3)(a)
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 Maryland, turning 18 alone doesn't transfer IDEA rights to your child.	Md. Code, Educ. §8-412.1(a)–(c)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	For children already in early intervention who qualify for preschool special education, parents may choose an extended early intervention plan until IEP services begin or the school year after the fourth birthday begins, whichever comes first.	Md. Code Regs. 13A.13.01.09B(11), D(7)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Your child's early intervention plan must address transition at the meeting closest to the second birthday.	Md. Code Regs. 13A.13.01.09B(2)(a)–(b)
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	Your child's IEP team must meet within ten school days of a disciplinary removal that changes placement to review the disability connection and continuing educational services.	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 7-305(g)(1); COMAR 13A.08.03.08A–B
Section 504 protections in school discipline	If the school considers a placement change because of a reportable offense, federal disability protections apply, and your child's attorney, if any, must be invited to any meeting about whether the behavior is related to the disability.	COMAR 13A.08.01.17A(12), G(2)–(3)
The IEP copy after a team meeting	In Maryland, you get a copy of your child's IEP soon after the meeting.	Md. Code, Educ. §8-405(f), (h), (i)
Documents before a team meeting	In Maryland, you can get the meeting documents ahead of time.	Md. Code, Educ. §8-405(a), (e), (h), (i)
The school's response to an IEE request	The school must approve or deny your request for a publicly funded independent evaluation in writing within 30 days after the request is made.	Md. Code Ann., Educ. § 8-405(b)(4)(ii)–(iv); COMAR 13A.05.01.14B(2)
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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