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Michigan 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	In Michigan, if your child attends a public school and you ask in writing for an initial evaluation, the school has 10 school days after it receives your request to give you written notice and ask for your written consent to evaluate.	Mich. Admin. Code R 340.1721b(1)(a)
Completing an initial evaluation	In Michigan, for a child you placed in a private school, the public school district must decide eligibility and give you notice within 30 school days.	MARSE R 340.1721b(2)(b)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	In Michigan, for a public-school student, the school must respond to your written request for an initial evaluation within 10 school days.	MARSE R 340.1721b(1)(a)
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 provide your child's education-record information within thirty days of your written request without charge, including copies that must be redacted to protect another pupil's information.	Mich. Comp. Laws § 380.1136(2)(b), (d)
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 Michigan, IDEA education rights usually transfer from you to your child at 18.	Michigan Procedural Safeguards Notice, p.52; 34 CFR §300.320(c), §300.520; MDE Age of Majority fact sheet (guidance, June 2022)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	Children who meet Michigan's special education eligibility rules can receive services before age three, with at least 72 hours over a year starting when written parental consent is received.	Mich. Admin. Code R. 340.1862(1), (4)(a), (c)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	For a toddler in early intervention who may be eligible for preschool special education, the early intervention program, with your family's approval, holds a transition conference with you and the school district at least 90 days before your child's third birthday.	34 CFR 303.209(c)(1); 303.209(b)–(f)
OTHER RULES		
The school's response to an IEE request	Within seven calendar days after receiving a request, the school must give written notice saying whether it will pay for an independent evaluation or request a hearing, and it must take that action without unnecessary delay.	Mich. Admin. Code R. 340.1723c(1), (3)–(4)
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	For a same-school-year move within Michigan, the new public agency must immediately provide FAPE and decide how to implement the IEP within 30 school days of enrollment.	MARSE R 340.1721b(1)(e)
IEP services after a move from another state	For a same-school-year move from another state, the new Michigan public agency must immediately provide FAPE and decide how to implement the IEP within 30 school days of enrollment.	MARSE R 340.1721b(1)(e)

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