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Minnesota 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 Minnesota, the initial evaluation generally must be finished within a reasonable time, and no more than 30 school days after the district receives your permission.	Minn. R. 3525.2550, subp. 2
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	In Minnesota, the school must let you see your child's education records right away if it can.	Minn. Stat. §§ 13.04, subd. 3; 645.15
Copies of records, fees and access barriers	Minnesota: Rules on copying fees and how records must be provided.	Minn. Stat. § 13.32, subd. 10; Special Education Due Process Hearings page
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 Minnesota, starting at age 14, your child's IEP must include a statement of transition-service needs, updated every year.	Minn. R. 3525.2810 subp. 1(A)(7); 3525.2900 subp. 4
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In Minnesota, at least a year before your child turns 18, the district must tell you and your child about the IDEA rights that will transfer at 18.	Minn. R. 3525.2810, subp. 1(A)(8)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Minnesota, special education rights under IDEA transfer from you to your child at age 18.	Minn. R. 3525.2810 subp. 1(A)(8)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	Minnesota: Preschool special education (IDEA Part B) can begin at age 3.	Minn. Stat. § 125A.03(a)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Minnesota: Planning for the move from early intervention to preschool services starts before age 3.	Minn. R. 3525.1350, subp. 5, item A; Minn. Stat. § 125A.33(a)(7)
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	Before starting an expulsion or exclusion, the school, relevant IEP team members and your child's parent must decide whether the behavior is related to the disability or a failure to follow the IEP.	Minn. Stat. § 121A.43(d)
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Minnesota: A student with a 504 plan has discipline protections too.	MDE discipline guidance; Section 504 page
An IEP in place for the start of school	Minnesota: An IEP must be in place when the school year starts.	Minn. Stat. § 125A.08(a)
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	Minnesota: when a student with an existing IEP changes Minnesota districts during the same school year, the new district consults the parent and provides comparable services while it adopts the prior IEP or develops, adopts, and implements a new one.	34 CFR § 300.323(e); Minn. Stat. § 125A.08 subd. 1(a) (general IEP requirement)
IEP services after a move from another state	Minnesota: when a student with an existing IEP moves from another state during the same school year, the new district consults the parent and provides comparable services.	34 CFR § 300.323(f); Minn. Stat. § 125A.08 subd. 1(a) (general IEP requirement)

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