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Mississippi 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	The school's evaluation team must meet and decide whether to evaluate within fourteen calendar days of your verbal or written request, counting the request day as day one.	7 Miss. Code R. pt. 34, § 300.301(b)(1)(i)(a)–(b)
Completing an initial evaluation	In Mississippi, the initial evaluation must be finished within 60 calendar days after the school receives your consent.	Procedures for State Board Policy 74.19, Vol. I, Evaluation and Eligibility
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	Mississippi follows the federal rule.	Miss. Admin. Code, Title 7, Part 34, §300.323(c)
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	Mississippi's IDEA records policy permits copy fees only when they do not effectively prevent parents from inspecting and reviewing records.	7 Miss. Admin. Code Part 34 §§300.613(b)(2),300.617(a)–(b); 34 CFR 300.613(b)(2),300.617
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 Mississippi, transition goals and services begin with the first IEP in effect when your child turns 14.	Miss. Admin. Code tit. 7, pt. 34 (State Board Policy 74.19), § 300.320(b); 34 CFR 300.320(b)
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In Mississippi, the IEP must include a statement about rights transfer at least one year before your child turns 21.	Miss. Admin. Code tit. 7, pt. 34, § 300.320(c)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Mississippi, special education rights under IDEA usually transfer from you to your child at age 21, a later age than the 18 used in many states.	Procedures for State Board Policy 74.19, Vol. III, Transfer of Parental Rights at Age of Majority
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	Mississippi: Preschool special education (IDEA Part B) can begin at age 3.	Procedures for State Board Policy 74.19, Vol. II, Top 10 Highlights for FAPE
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Mississippi: For a child leaving First Steps (early intervention) who is eligible for preschool special education, the school district must develop and put in place an IEP by the third birthday.	Procedures for State Board Policy 74.19, Vol. II, Part C to Part B transition
OTHER RULES		
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Mississippi: Section 504 requires an evaluation before discipline that significantly changes the student's placement.	34 CFR 104.35(a); 29 U.S.C. § 705(20)(C)(iv)
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	Mississippi: when a student with an existing IEP changes Mississippi 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.	Mississippi State Board Policy 74.19 § 300.323(e); 34 CFR § 300.323(e)
IEP services after a move from another state	Mississippi: 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.	Mississippi State Board Policy 74.19 § 300.323(f); 34 CFR § 300.323(f)

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