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Nebraska 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 Nebraska, the initial evaluation has two clocks: 45 school days after your consent, and an outside limit of 60 calendar days.	92 NAC 51-009.04A(1)–(3), 003.13B, 006.04K(6); Nebraska NDE 45-school-day guidance (2019) and 2023 agency decision
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	Nebraska follows the federal rule.	92 NAC 51-007.09A; 009.04A2–A3
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	Nebraska permits copy fees only within the applicable safeguards.	92 NAC 51-009.03B2b, 009.03F1–F2; Neb. Rev. Stat. §79-2,104(1)–(2); §79-2,105
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 Nebraska, transition goals and services begin with the first IEP in effect when your child turns 14, and they're updated every year.	92 NAC 51-007.07A9–A9c; 007.06B1; 007.11A2
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In Nebraska, IDEA parental rights don't transfer to your child just because your child turns 19.	Nebraska Department of Education, 2025 Clarification – Age of Majority (Aug. 28, 2025); 34 CFR §§300.320(c), 300.520(a)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Nebraska, the usual age of adulthood is 19, but Nebraska has chosen not to transfer IDEA parental rights just because your child turns 19.	Neb. Rev. Stat. §43-2101; NDE Clarification—Age of Majority (Aug. 28, 2025)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	School districts must make special education and related services available from birth to children who meet Nebraska's disability eligibility rules.	92 Neb. Admin. Code ch. 51, § 004.01
Moving from early intervention to preschool	For a child who may qualify for preschool special education, transition planning includes a family-approved meeting at least 90 days, and up to nine months if everyone agrees, before the third birthday.	92 Neb. Admin. Code ch. 52, §§ 008.01A, 008.03–008.04B
OTHER RULES		
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Nebraska: 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)

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