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New Hampshire 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 New Hampshire, when the school gets a referral, it must tell you in writing right away.	N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 1106.01(c)–(e); Ed 1102.01(o)
Completing an initial evaluation	In New Hampshire, the whole initial evaluation process must be finished within 60 calendar days after the school receives your consent.	N.H. Admin. Rules Ed 1107.01(a)–(f), Ed 1102.02(a),(n); 34 CFR 300.301(d)–(e),300.309(c)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	New Hampshire follows the federal rule.	N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 1109.03(a),(d); 34 C.F.R. §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	New Hampshire schools may charge for copies of records under IDEA only if the fee does not effectively prevent parents from inspecting and reviewing the records.	34 CFR § 300.617; N.H. Admin. Code § Ed 1119.01
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	In New Hampshire, your child's IEP must be reviewed at least once every 12 months, and sooner when your child's needs or progress call for it.	N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 1109.03(d)–(h), 1109.06(d); 34 C.F.R. §300.324(b)
TRANSITION PLANNING		
The earlier age-14 transition step	In New Hampshire, transition planning starts at age 14.	N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 1109.01(a)(10)
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	In New Hampshire, at least a year before the usual transfer age of 18, the IEP must say your child was told about any IDEA rights that will transfer.	N.H. Admin. R. Ed 1120.01(a)-(c); 34 CFR 300.320(c), 300.520
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In New Hampshire, your special education rights as a parent transfer to your child at 18, unless a court has found your child incompetent.	N.H. Admin. R. Ed 1120.01(a)-(c); 34 CFR 300.320(c), 300.520
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	New Hampshire: for an eligible child exiting family-centered early supports and services, the district must develop and implement the IEP on or before the third birthday, including a birthday in late spring, summer or early fall.	N.H. Ed 1105.04(a), (c)(9); Ed 1105.01(c)(1), 1106.01 and 1107.01(f)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	New Hampshire: start the early-intervention-to-preschool transition well before age 3.	Ed 1106.01(a)
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	You must receive written notice at least five days before a meeting to decide whether your child's behavior is related to the disability, unless you waive that notice in writing.	N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 1103.02(b), (d); Ed 1124.01
Section 504 protections in school discipline	New Hampshire: After the first use of restraint or seclusion on an eligible child, the school must review the IEP and/or Section 504 plan and make indicated adjustments to eliminate or reduce future use.	New Hampshire RSA126-U:14
The school's response to an IEE request	The school must pay for an independent evaluation or request a hearing without unnecessary delay, and its evaluator or location rules cannot leave the parent without a choice of independent evaluators.	N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 1107.03(b)–(c)
An IEP in place for the start of school	New Hampshire: An IEP must be in place when the school year starts.	N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 1109.03(a)
Give written notice before moving to a private school	In New Hampshire, 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.	N.H. Admin. R. Ed 1112.02; 34 C.F.R. § 300.148(c)–(e); § 300.11(b)

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IEP services after a move within the state	New Hampshire: When a student with an IEP in effect transfers within the state during the same school year, the new district must provide comparable services while it adopts the existing IEP or develops and implements a new one.	N.H. Code Admin. R. Ed 1109.03(a), (d); 34 CFR § 300.323(e)

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