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New Mexico 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 must respond to your evaluation request within fifteen school days, or within thirty calendar days if it arrives within fifteen school days before a scheduled break of at least fourteen calendar days.	6.31.2.10(D)(2)–(4) NMAC
Completing an initial evaluation	In New Mexico, the initial evaluation and the written evaluation report must be finished within 60 calendar days after the school receives your consent.	NMAC 6.31.2.10(F)(2)–(3), (G)(4), (J)(1)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	New Mexico follows the federal rule.	6.31.2.11(B)(1) NMAC; 34 C.F.R. §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)
IEP REVIEWS AND REEVALUATIONS		
Regular IDEA reevaluation	New Mexico follows the federal rule.	6.31.2.10(C)(2)(a)–(d), (G), (J)(2) NMAC
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 New Mexico, transition planning begins with the first IEP in effect when your child turns 14, and it's updated every year.	6.31.2.11(G)(3) NMAC
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In New Mexico, once your child is 14, each yearly IEP review must discuss the rights that will transfer at 18 and, as appropriate, your plans about guardianship.	6.31.2.11(G)(3)(c) and 6.31.2.13(K)(1)-(2) NMAC; NMPED Procedural Safeguards (December 2020), pp.9-10; 34 CFR 300.320(c), 300.520
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In New Mexico, education rights usually transfer from you to your child at the moment your child turns 18.	6.31.2.13(K)(1) NMAC; NMPED Procedural Safeguards (December 2020), pp.9-10
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	New Mexico: Preschool special education (IDEA Part B) can begin at age 3.	6.31.2.8(A); 6.31.2.11(A)(1), (5)(g)(ii), (h) NMAC
Moving from early intervention to preschool	New Mexico: districts promote family involvement at least six months before Part B preschool eligibility.	6.31.2.11(A)(5)(b), (e), (g)(ii), (h) NMAC
OTHER RULES		
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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