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Ohio 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	Within thirty calendar days after receiving an evaluation request, the school must either obtain your consent to evaluate or give written notice that it does not suspect a disability and will not evaluate.	Ohio Admin. Code 3301-51-06(B)(3)
Completing an initial evaluation	Under federal law, the school generally must finish your child's initial evaluation within 60 calendar days after it receives your consent, unless your state sets its own timeline.	34 CFR 300.301(c)–(e); 300.309(c); 300.306(a)(1)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	In Ohio, your child's first IEP must be developed and put in place by the earliest of three dates.	Ohio Admin. Code 3301-51-07(H)(2)–(3)
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	The school may charge the actual cost of copying your child's records, but the charge cannot prevent you from seeing them or include a fee for finding them.	Ohio Rev. Code § 3319.321(D); Ohio Admin. Code 3301-51-04(H)(1)–(2)
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 Ohio, transition goals and services begin with the first IEP in effect when your child turns 14.	Ohio Admin. Code 3301-51-07
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In Ohio, by your child's 17th birthday, one year before age 18, the IEP must include a statement about rights transfer.	Ohio Admin. Code 3301-51-07(E)(3); 3301-51-05(D)(1)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Ohio, special education rights under IDEA transfer from you to your child at age 18.	Ohio Admin. Code 3301-51-05
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	For a child moving from early intervention (Part C) to preschool special education, an IEP, or an IFSP where that is allowed, must be developed and in place by the third birthday.	34 CFR 300.124(b); 300.101(b); 300.102(a)(1), (4)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Early intervention must notify the school district quarterly about children approaching age three who may qualify for preschool special education.	Ohio Admin. Code 5180-10-02(L)(1)(a), (2)(b)–(c)
OTHER RULES		
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Ohio: 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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