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Pennsylvania 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	If you request an evaluation orally from a school professional or administrator, that person must give you the permission-to-evaluate form within ten calendar days.	22 Pa. Code § 14.123(c)
Completing an initial evaluation	In Pennsylvania, the school generally must finish your child's first evaluation and give you a copy of the report within 60 calendar days after it receives your written consent.	22 Pa. Code §14.123(b)
FIRST IEP MEETING		
The initial IEP after eligibility	Once the team decides your child needs special education and related services, a meeting to write your child's first IEP must be held within 30 calendar days.	34 CFR 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)
IEP REVIEWS AND REEVALUATIONS		
Regular IDEA reevaluation	In Pennsylvania, a child in preschool early intervention, or a school-age child with an intellectual disability, must be reevaluated at least every two years.	22 Pa. Code §§14.124(c), 14.153(4)(iii); §14.102(a)(2)(xxv) (adopting 34 CFR 300.303)
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 Pennsylvania, transition services must be in the first IEP in effect when your child turns 14, or earlier if the IEP team decides that's appropriate.	22 Pa. Code § 14.131(a)(5); PDE IDEA-B Policies and Procedures (2025)
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In Pennsylvania, the IDEA transfer age is 21.	22 Pa. Code 14.102(a)(2)(xxvii); 34 CFR 300.320(c), 300.520, 99.3 and 99.5; PDE IDEA-B Policies and Procedures, May 21, 2025, section 300.121
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Pennsylvania, special education rights under IDEA usually transfer from you to your child at age 21.	PDE IDEA-B Policies and Procedures, May 21, 2025, section 300.121 discussion of 300.520; 34 CFR 300.520, 99.3 and 99.5
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	Pennsylvania: Preschool special education (IDEA Part B) can begin at age 3.	PDE IDEA-B Policies and Procedures 2025, §300.101
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Pennsylvania: Planning for the move from early intervention to preschool services starts before age 3.	PDE IDEA-B Policies and Procedures 2025, transition from Part C to preschool services
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	A disciplinary exclusion totaling more than fifteen school days in one school year is a placement change.	22 Pa. Code §§ 14.102(a)(2)(xxxii), 14.143(a)–(b)
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Pennsylvania: PDE guidance calls for a manifestation determination before a disciplinary change in placement for a student covered by IDEA or Section 504.	PDE Disciplinary Exclusions BEC (reviewed July 2024);22 Pa. Code 14.101,14.143,711.61;34 CFR 104.35–104.36
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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