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South Carolina 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	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	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	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 South Carolina, the first IEP in effect when your child turns 13 must include transition goals and services.	S.C. Code Regs. 43-243.III.G
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In South Carolina, by your child's 17th birthday, the IEP must say your child was told about any IDEA rights that will transfer at 18.	S.C. Code Regs. 43-243.III.F.1-2; 34 CFR §§300.320(c), 300.520
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In South Carolina, special education rights under IDEA transfer from you to your child at age 18.	S.C. Code §§59-33-320–350; S.C. Code Regs.43-243.III.F.1-2;34 CFR §300.520
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	South Carolina: Preschool special education (IDEA Part B) can begin at age 3.	S.C. Code Regs. 43-243.III.C
Moving from early intervention to preschool	South Carolina: Between the ages of 27 and 33 months, the BabyNet service coordinator, the family, the school district, and others the family invites hold a transition conference to develop the child's transition plan.	SC OSES Part C to Part B Transition Requirements slides; SC Special Education Process Guide (2013)
OTHER RULES		
Section 504 protections in school discipline	South Carolina: 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)
IEP services after a move within the state	South Carolina: 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.	S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-243(I); 34 CFR § 300.323(e)
IEP services after a move from another state	South Carolina: When a student with an IEP in effect transfers from another state during the same school year, the new district must provide comparable services in consultation with you.	S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-243(I); 34 CFR § 300.323(f)

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