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Vermont 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 fifteen calendar days after receiving your evaluation request, the school must request your consent, hold an evaluation planning meeting or give written reasons for denying the request.	Vt. State Bd. of Educ. Rule 2362.2.1(b)
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 Vermont, your child's IEP must be developed within 30 days after your child is first found eligible.	Vermont State Board of Education Rule 2363.1(a)
SCHOOL RECORDS		
Timing of access to education records	In Vermont, once you ask to see your child's IDEA education records, the school must let you inspect and review them without unnecessary delay.	Vermont State Board of Education Rules, Rule 2365.2.2(a); 34 C.F.R. § 300.613(a)
Copies of records, fees and access barriers	In Vermont, a school may charge for copies only if the fee does not effectively prevent you from inspecting and reviewing the records.	Vermont State Board of Education Rules, Rule 2365.2.6(a)-(b); 34 C.F.R. § 300.617
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 Vermont, 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.	Vermont State Board of Education Rule 2363.6(c)(1)–(3)
TRANSITION PLANNING		
When transition goals and services begin	In Vermont, the IEP must include goals for life after high school (measurable postsecondary goals).	Vermont State Board of Education Rules, Series 2360, Rule 2363.7(i)(1); 34 CFR 300.320(b)
RIGHTS AT ADULTHOOD		
Advance notice about the transfer of IDEA rights	In Vermont, beginning one year before your child turns 18, the IEP must say your child was told about any IDEA rights that will transfer at 18.	Vermont Special Education Rules (VSER) 2365.1.12(e)
The state's age of majority and IDEA rights	In Vermont, IDEA rights usually transfer from you to your child at age 18.	Vermont State Board of Education Rule 2365.1.12(a)–(f); 2363.4(d)
PRESCHOOL AND EARLY INTERVENTION		
Preschool special education by age three	In Vermont, if your child is eligible, an IEP must be in effect by their third birthday.	VTSBE 2360.2.1, 2360.5.10(a)–(b)
Moving from early intervention to preschool	Vermont: start the early-intervention-to-preschool transition well before age 3.	Vermont State Board of Education Rule Series 2360, Rule 2360.5.9
OTHER RULES		
When a manifestation determination must occur	Vermont (same as the federal rule): A manifestation determination review must happen within 10 school days of a decision that changes placement for discipline.	Vt. State Bd. of Educ. Rule 4313.1(e)(1); Rule 4313.7 (Series 4000)
Section 504 protections in school discipline	Vermont: A child covered by Section 504 can't be removed from the current placement for discipline for more than 10 school days in a row, or for more than 10 total days in a school year when the removals change the placement, unless the school first re-evaluates the child and the Section 504 team decides the conduct is not a manifestation of the disability.	Vermont State Board of Education Rule 4312(1)–(2), (5)–(7), (9)–(10)
An IEP in place for the start of school	In Vermont, your child's IEP must be in effect at the beginning of each school year.	Vt. State Bd. of Educ. Rule 2363.1(a), (d) (Series 2360)
Give written notice before moving to a private school	In Vermont, 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.	Vermont State Board of Education Rule 2367.3(a)–(d), pp. 165–166; 34 C.F.R. § 300.148(c)–(e)
IEP services after a move within the state	For a child eligible for special education moving between Vermont LEAs, the receiving LEA adopts the former IEP or develops a new one and implements the current IEP to the extent possible meanwhile.	34 C.F.R. § 300.323(e); Vt. State Bd. of Educ. Rule 2363.11(a) (Series 2360, revised 2022)

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IEP services after a move from another state	For a child with an IEP who moves to Vermont from another state during the same school year, the new school provides comparable services while it determines eligibility under Vermont's initial-evaluation process and, if the child qualifies, develops and implements a new IEP.	Vt. State Bd. of Educ. R. 2363.11(b)–(c)

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