

KEY NEW JERSEY SPECIAL EDUCATION TIMELINES

at a glance!



INITIAL REFERRAL

20 CALENDAR DAYS TO CONDUCT EVALUATION MEETING

WITHIN 20 CALENDAR DAYS OF RECEIVING A REFERRAL FOR AN EVALUATION TO DETERMINE IF A CHILD HAS A DISABILITY AND NEEDS SPECIAL EDUCATION, A MEETING OF THE CHILD STUDY TEAM MUST OCCUR TO DECIDE WHETHER AN EVALUATION WILL BE CONDUCTED. N.J.A.C. 6A:14-2.3(H)(5), 14-3.3(E).

WRITTEN NOTICE OF EVALUATION DECISION

15 CALENDAR DAYS

WITHIN 15 CALENDAR DAYS OF THE MEETING TO DISCUSS THE INITIAL REFERRAL AND NEED FOR EVALUATION, THE CHILD STUDY TEAM MUST PROVIDE THE PARENT WITH OFFICIAL WRITTEN NOTICE OF WHETHER AN EVALUATION WILL BE CONDUCTED AND OBTAIN CONSENT FOR THE EVALUATION. N.J.A.C. 6A: 14-2.3(H)(5)(I).

REMINDER

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ARE NOT COUNTED IN CALENDAR DAYS; HOWEVER, SUMMER BREAK IS ALWAYS COUNTED.

DETERMINATION OF IDEA ELIGIBILITY

90 CALENDAR DAYS

THE CHILD STUDY TEAM HAS 90 CALENDAR DAYS FROM DATE OF PARENTS' CONSENT TO EVALUATE TO COMPLETE THE EVALUATION AND PROVIDE PARENTS WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF THE ELIGIBILITY DETERMINATION. IF THE STUDENT IS FOUND TO NEED SPECIAL EDUCATION, AN INITIAL IEP MUST BE DEVELOPED WITHIN 90 CALENDAR DAYS. N.J.A.C.6A:14-3.3(E). *IF THE PARENT REFUSES TO CONSENT TO EVALUATE OR FAILS TO MAKE THE CHILD AVAILABLE FOR EVALUATION, THE TIMELINE DOES NOT APPLY

RECEIPT OF EVALUATION REPORT:

10 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO ELIGIBILITY MEETING

A COPY OF THE CHILD STUDY TEAM'S EVALUATION REPORT MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE PARENT NO LESS THAN 10 CALENDAR DAYS BEFORE THE ELIGIBILITY/ RE-EVALUATION MEETING. N.J.A.C. 6A:14-3.5(A).

PRIOR WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY CHANGE

15 CALENDAR DAYS

A SCHOOL MUST PROVIDE PARENTS WITH WRITTEN NOTICE OF ANY PROPOSED ACTION (AN IEP REVISION, CHANGE IN PLACEMENT, EVALUATION DECISION, ETC.) AT LEAST 15 CALENDAR DAYS PRIOR TO IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION SO THE PARENT MAY CONSIDER AND RESPOND OR OBJECT TO THE PROPOSED CHANGE N.J.A.C. 14- 2.3(H)