

Special Education Evaluation Timelines

After a referral is received or a notice of initiating an evaluation, the local educational agency or school district has up to 15 business days to complete a review of existing data and request consent from the parent for additional assessments or send a notice that no additional data is needed.

The review of existing data must occur after notice has been sent to the parent that the special education evaluation process has begun and before either requesting consent for additional assessments from the parent or sending a notice that no additional data is needed.

After receiving consent for additional assessments or after notice to the parent that no additional assessments are needed, the local educational agency or school district then has 60 calendar days to complete the evaluation. That is, there are 60 calendar days for the IEP team to complete assessments, collect additional information, and meet with the parent as part of the IEP team to determine whether the student is eligible for special education.

If the student is eligible for special education, the local educational agency or school district then has 30 calendar days to develop the student's IEP and determine placement.

Alternatively, if the student is eligible for special education, the student's IEP may be developed and placement determined at the same meeting where the team determines the student is eligible for special education.