

Special Education Timelines in California



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Service/Obligation	Timeline	Exceptions/Notes/Considerations	Authority
Initial Assessment and IEP Development			
Propose an assessment plan for initial assessment.	15 calendar days from date of referral.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tolled for school breaks in excess of 5 schooldays. If referral received 10 days or fewer before end of school year, then due within first 10 days of next school year. Note: 	
	special education.	None.	EC 56043(f)(2) EC 56344(a)
<i>Recommended:</i> Complete the student's initial IEP in its entirety within 60 days unless one of the exceptions above applies.			
Applicable to All IEPs			
Notify parents of the IEP team meeting (send IEP meeting notice).	"Early enough to ensure an opportunity to attend" the IEP meeting.	None.	EC 56043(e) EC 56341.5(b)
Notice of procedural safeguards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inform parents of procedural safeguards "at each" IEP meeting. Give a copy of the notice to parent(s) at least once each school year. 	None.	EC 56500.1 34 CFR 300.504
Implement the IEP.	"As soon as possible" after receipt of parent consent to the IEP.	None.	EC 56043(i) EC 56344(b)
Progress reports on IEP goals provided to parent(s).	Per the IEP.	None.	EC 56345(a)(3)
Re-assessments			
Triennial eligibility review.	Every 3 years based on the date of the last triennial review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May occur more frequently if necessary, but no more than once per year unless the parties agree. Parent and LEA may agree in writing that triennial assessments are not necessary. They may also agree to limit the scope of the review. 	

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Additional IEP Meetings			
Annual IEP team review.	Not longer than 12 months from the date of the last annual IEP.	None.	EC 56043(d), (j) EC 56343(d) EC 56380
IEP team meeting to review re-assessment (including triennial assessments).	60 calendar days after receipt of parent consent to the assessment plan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tolloed for school breaks in excess of 5 schooldays. • If referral received 30 days or fewer before end of school year, then due within first 30 days of next school year. 	EC 56043(f)(1) EC 56343(a) A