



STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

A Memo from the New Jersey Department of Education

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To: Local Educational Agency Leads, Directors of Approved Private Schools for Students with Disabilities
Route To: Directors of Special Education
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Division of Educational Services

Clarification on Required Timelines for Students with Disabilities

Under both the [Individuals with Disabilities Education Act](#) (IDEA) and [N.J.A.C. 6A:14](#), the required timelines for conducting evaluations and providing services to students with disabilities are not subject to alterations or waivers. Parental consent cannot be used to extend or modify the legally established timelines. These timelines are statutory obligations that must be followed to ensure that services are delivered to students with disabilities in a timely manner. Local Education Agencies must take all necessary measures to ensure that timelines for evaluations, determination of eligibility, and the development and implementation of the individualized education program are compliant with both state and federal law.

Please direct all questions to the Office of Special Education at (609) 376-9060 or email oseinfo@doe.nj.gov.

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