Timeline | Child-Centered Special Education Process

Within 15 school days upon written referral by parent to special education director or district administrative employee TEC § 29.004(c)

Within 45 school ~~60 calendar~~ days of receipt of written, signed consent TEC § 29.004(a)

3 years

Within 30 calendar days on or before 1st day of school unless the initial FIE indicates that the student will need extended school year services during that summer CFR § 300.323 TAC § 89.1050(d)

1 year

Within 30 school days of verification CFR § 300.323 TAC § 89.1050(f)

Initial Referral CFR § 300.301 TAC § 89.1011

Notice and Consent or Refusal to Provide Initial Evaluation CFR § 300.9 CFR § 300.300 CFR § 300.304 CFR § 300.503 CFR § 300.505 TAC § 89.1015 TAC § 89.1049 TEC § 29.0041

Response to Intervention (RtI) CFR § 300.306(b)(1) CFR § 300.309(b)(1) TAC § 89.1011

Prior Written Notice CFR § 300.503 TAC § 89.1015

FIE ~~Full and Individual Evaluation~~ Completed CFR § 300.301 CFR § 300.304 CFR § 300.306 TEC § 29.003 TEC § 29.004

Notice of ARD Meeting CFR § 300.322 CFR § 300.503 TAC § 89.1015

ARD/IEP Meeting CFR § 300.8 CFR § 300.306 CFR § 300.320 CFR § 300.323 TAC § 89.1040 TAC § 89.1050 TEC § 29.005

Prior Written Notice CFR § 300.503 TAC § 89.1015

Student Transfers provide comparable services CFR § 300.323 TAC § 89.1050(f)

Consent for Initial Placement CFR § 300.9 CFR § 300.300

ARD Meeting for Transfer Students to adopt IEP or develop, adopt and implement new IEP CFR § 300.323 TAC § 89.1050(f)

Prior Written Notice CFR § 300.503 TAC § 89.1015

Annual ARD/IEP Review CFR § 300.320 CFR § 300.323 TAC § 89.1055

Prior Written Notice CFR § 300.503 TAC § 89.1015

Notice and Consent for Reevaluation CFR § 300.9 CFR § 300.300 TAC § 89.1015 TAC § 89.1049 TEC § 29.0041

must be notified 5 school days before evaluation, less time with signed waiver TAC § 89.1015

Three-Year Reevaluation CFR § 300.303 CFR § 300.304 CFR § 300.305

Dismissal/ Graduation or no longer meets age eligibility CFR § 300.102 TAC § 89.1035 TAC § 89.1070

Prior Written Notice CFR § 300.503 TAC § 89.1015

Guide to the ARD Process as soon as possible after initial referral or at least 5 school days before the initial ARD meeting TEC § 26.0081

must be notified 5 school days before evaluation, less time with signed waiver TAC § 89.1015

must be notified 5 school days before meeting, less time with signed waiver TAC § 89.1015

must be notified 5 school days before implementing ARD/IEP, less time with signed waiver TAC § 89.1015

Initiation of Services if the parent signs consent for initial placement CFR § 300.300 CFR § 300.323

must be notified 5 school days before implementing ARD/IEP, less time with signed waiver TAC § 89.1015

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Transition Services beginning at age 14 TEC § 29.011 TEC § 29.0111

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Notice of Procedural Safeguards upon initial referral CFR § 300.504

Notice of Procedural Safeguards refusal to provide evaluation TEC § 29.004(c)(2)

Notice of Procedural Safeguards at least annually CFR § 300.504

Notice of Procedural Safeguards upon parent request for evaluation CFR § 300.504

Exceptions

- ♦ Parent repeatedly fails or refuses to produce the child [CFR § 300.301(d)(1)]; or
- ♦ Child who is enrolled in public school transfers from another LEA while evaluation is pending (refer to Transfer Students framework); or
- ♦ Child who is enrolled in public school is absent three or more days during the evaluation period (extended by number of days absent) [TEC 29.004(a)(1)]; or
- * ♦ Consent is received at least 35 but less than 45 school days before the end of the school year (due by June 30); and the initial ARD to be held by the 15th school day of the following school year. If the child is absent three or more days during the period, the evaluation is due within 45 school days, and the initial ARD must be held within 30 calendar days of completion of the evaluation. [TEC § 29.004(a-1); [TEC § 29.004(a)(1)]

~~ARD = Admission, Review and Dismissal~~
~~CFR = Code of Federal Regulations (Implementing United States Code)~~
~~FIE = Full and Individual Evaluation~~
~~IEP = Individualized Education Program~~
~~RtI = Response to Intervention~~
~~TAC = Texas Administrative Code (Commissioner's Rules)~~
~~TEC = Texas Education Code (State Law)~~
~~USC = United State Code (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)~~