

Section 8 Transition of Children Served Under Part C of IDEA into Preschool Programs

A. Children Reaching Age Three

1. For a child with an IFSP who will be making the transition from an early intervention program into the special education program of the School District at age three, the School District shall ensure that either an IEP or the child's IFSP is in effect on the child's third birthday. A representative of the School District shall participate in the transition meeting. If a child continues to receive early intervention services until the beginning of the school year following the child's third birthday, the School District shall ensure that either an IEP or the child's IFSP is in effect on the first day of the following school year.
2. For a child without an IFSP:
 - a. If the child is referred at least 60 school days prior to his/her third birthday, and determined eligible, the School District shall ensure that either an IEP or an IFSP is in effect on his/her third birthday.
 - b. If the child is referred with fewer than 60 school days remaining before his/her third birthday, or after that date, the School District shall follow the procedures herein to determine whether or not an evaluation is warranted, and if so, to conduct an evaluation.
3. If a child's third birthday occurs during the summer, the IEP Team shall determine when the School District's services to the child will begin. If the child's birthday falls between May 1 and August 31, the child may continue to receive early intervention services until the beginning of the school year following the child's third birthday.

B. Children Reaching Age Six

The School District may permit an eligible child in an Early Childhood class who reaches his/her sixth birthday during the school year to complete that school year in the Early Childhood class.

LEGAL REF.: 20 U.S.C. § 1412(a)(9) (Transition from subchapter III to preschool programs)
34 C.F.R. § 300.124 (Transition of children from the Part C program to preschool programs).
23 Ill. Admin. Code § 226.260 (Child reaching age three).

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