

IEP Team Guidelines: Questions and Answers

High School Graduation

- Q** Please clarify, for high school graduation what is the maximum age of attendance? Wouldn't a student who becomes 22 in October, November, or December be able to complete the fall semester, which typically ends in late January? (If they were still working toward a diploma, they would probably not get credit for the course if they left in December.)
- A** A student who becomes 22 years of age during the months of October, November, or December, will be terminated from the special education program December 31, unless the student would otherwise complete his/her IEP at the end of the current fiscal year.
- Q** How close to the end of the semester can the team write the "change of placement" IEP when end of service will occur due to age, diploma, or certificate?
- A** The **Final IEP for Students Graduating with a Diploma** shall be completed "within the current semester of the student's expected graduation date." (Spring semester). The **Final IEP for Students Who Are Becoming Age 22** shall be completed "in the semester prior to the student becoming age 22." For those students who voluntarily **Exit from School Due to Participation in Culmination Exercises to Receive a Certificate of Completion**, the "IEP meeting must be held within the current semester."
- Q** At what age should ITPs be included as a part of the IEP process?
- A** Federal law requires that a transition plan must be in place when the student reaches fourteen years of age. District policy requires the transition plan be written during the student's thirteenth year to insure that the plan will be in place by the student's fourteenth birthday.