

**NEW RI TIMELINES FOR REFERRAL, EVALUATION, ELIGIBILITY,
IEP AND RE-EVALUATION
UNDER IDEA 2004**

10 school days	<u>Referral</u> Local Education Agency (LEA) conducts a meeting to review a referral for special education evaluation within 10 school days of receipt. Referral is reviewed by a team of qualified professionals <u>and</u> the parent. (RI Reg. 300.531)
10 school days	If an evaluation is needed, it must start no later than 10 school days after the receipt of parental consent to evaluate. (RI Reg. 300.531)
60 Calendar days	<u>Evaluation/Eligibility</u> Within 60 calendar days of parental consent to evaluate: (i) Child is evaluated (ii) Eligibility determination meeting is conducted (iii) A written report of the evaluation team is made available to the LEA and the parent(s), and, if the child is determined eligible for special education services, the report is made available to the IEP Team.
15 school days	<u>IEP</u> If eligible, an IEP meeting is conducted and an IEP is developed for the child. (RI Reg. 300.343)
Not more than 1x per year (unless by agreement)	<u>Re-evaluation</u> A re-evaluation must occur – 1. Not more frequently than once a year, unless the parent and the Local Education Agency agree otherwise; and 2. At least every three (3) years, unless the parent and the Local Educational Agency agree that a re-evaluation is unnecessary.
Every 3 years (or sooner)	A re-evaluation must be conducted at least every 3 years or sooner if conditions warrant or if a parent or teacher requests a re-evaluation. (RI Reg. 300.536)
15 school days	If, as a result of a re-evaluation the child continues to be eligible for special education services, an IEP meeting must be conducted within 15 school days of the determination of continued eligibility and an IEP developed for the child. (RI Reg 300.536)