

# Definitions

**Transition in Part C:** Three to nine months before a child's third birthday, every family will have time with their service coordinator to discuss options for when their child turns three years of age and exits TEIS. This is also the time for families to participate in a meeting with their local education agency (LEA) if they are interested in pursuing the possibility of special education services. A meeting with the LEA must take place 90 days before the child's third birthday.

**LEA:** Local Education Agency  
The school system where the child lives.

**IEP:** Individualized education plan.

Our LEA is:

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## Questions & Answers About Transition

**Q: Do children enter the school system when they leave TEIS at three years of age?**

**A:** A child must be eligible for Special Education at age three to receive services from their Local Education Agency (LEA). Special Education at age three falls under Part B of IDEA.

**Q: What is Part B of IDEA?**

**A:** Part B is the section of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act which mandates Special Education for eligible children ages 3-21.

**Q: Is the eligibility criteria the same for Part B as for Part C?**

**A:** No. Part B has its own eligibility criteria. The LEA representative will discuss this with parents during the transition planning conference.

**Q: What if a child is not eligible for Part B?**

**A:** An IFSP meeting is held to discuss possible options within the child's community, such as Head Start, Mother's Day Out, and community based programs.

**Q: Is a meeting to discuss a child's transition from Part C (TEIS) required?**

**A:** Parents are highly encouraged to have a transition planning meeting to discuss a smooth and timely move from TEIS. A family may choose not to participate. Their choice will be documented by their service coordinator.

Our transition meeting is due by:

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# Transition

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| <p>Parent meets with Service Coordinator for Initial IFSP Meeting.</p> | <p>Because the child will no longer be eligible for TEIS on their third birthday, every IFSP has a transition goal to being thinking about the future.</p> | <p>Parents give written permission to schedule a conference nine months to ninety days before a child's third birthday.</p> |
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| <p><i>If child is eligible for part B, an IEP meeting will be held and the team will develop an IEP by the child's third birthday.</i></p> | <p>Eligibility for part B is determined by the LEA.</p> | <p>Transition Planning Conference: Goal is a smooth and timely transition for every family.</p> | <p>Parent gives written permission to share information and family, LEA, and service coordinator attend conference.</p> |
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| <p>Transition conference with LEA will be held at least 90 days before the child's third birthday.</p> | <p>Some children will receive services from LEA at age three.</p> | <p><i>If the child is not eligible for part B, an IFSP meeting is held.</i></p> | <p>Child is no longer eligible for TEIS at age three.</p> |
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