

Additional School Year Checklist

On June 16th, Governor Murphy signed Senate Bill 3434/A5366 into law, requiring school districts to extend eligibility and provide services to certain students who will attain the age of 21 during the 2020-2021 school year. Students who turn 21 during the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school years may also be eligible for additional services under this bill. The following checklist is designed to help guide families through the next steps of attaining the additional year.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Do not accept a graduation notice or diploma. Your son/daughter will still be able to participate in graduation activities with their peers. | <input type="checkbox"/> Collect any assessments, progress reports, evaluations, and recordings of virtual sessions. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Contact your IEP Case Manager and tell them you are interested in the additional year. It may require an emergency IEP meeting. | <input type="checkbox"/> Document ALL services that were missed or that were moved to a virtual setting. Include total hours missed for each service. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> File for due process if your district is resisting the extra year. This will invoke Stay Put. | <input type="checkbox"/> Present any examples of missed services, regression, and new challenges to your IEP Team in writing. |

Helpful Resources

What Special Education Parents Need to Know About S3434

<http://bit.ly/s3434sheet>

Q&A sheet about S3434 from NJCDD

Filing for Due Process and Invoking Stay-Put

<http://bit.ly/dueprocessweb>

Webinar from Volunteer Lawyers for Justice

IEP Go Bag

<http://bit.ly/iepgobag>

Our compilation of information pertaining to IEPs, meeting prep, and helpful tips.

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