

TIMELINE FOR PROMULGATION OF NEW ARTICLE 7 RULES

1. December 3, 2004: IDEA '04 signed into law.
2. July 1, 2005: IDEA '04 became effective.
3. June 21, 2005: IDEA '04 proposed federal regulations released.
4. January of 2005: DOE began monthly discussions with the *State Advisory Council for the Education of Students with Disabilities* regarding possible changes to Article 7 based on language in the IDEA '04 proposed federal regulations (5 committees convened by DOE to make recommendations to the State Advisory Council).
5. August 4, 2006: Unofficial IDEA '04 final federal regulations released.
6. October 13, 2006: IDEA '04 final federal regulations became official.
7. September of 2006: DOE began holding monthly meetings with the State Advisory Council.
8. September of 2007: 26 informal public meetings were held throughout the state to solicit input regarding proposed changes to Article 7. DOE created a survey to solicit public input.
9. October of 2007: With input from the informal public meetings and survey, State Advisory Council began taking final votes regarding Article 7.
10. January 11, 2008: State Advisory Council completed a proposed draft of Article 7.
11. February 6, 2008: State Board of Education, after making four changes to the State Advisory Council draft of Article 7, voted to begin official rule promulgation process.
12. February 19, 2008: Proposed rules forwarded to Attorney General's Office for preliminary review. Rules were also forwarded to Legislative Services Agency (LSA) to give them ample time to format the rules.
13. February 20, 2008: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Appeared in the *Indiana Register*.
14. March 5, 2008: State Board of Education reviews the rule promulgation timeline.
15. March 14, 2008: LSA must receive DOE's Notice of Public Hearings document and DOE must contract with and publish a Notice of Public Hearing in a Marion County newspaper.

16. March 19, 2008: Proposed rules published in the *Indiana Register*. This is the earliest date that the rules can be published.
17. April 1 or 2, 2008: State Board of Education's Deregulation Subcommittee (or the entire State Board of Education) will review the preliminary findings of the fiscal impact and cost benefit analyses regarding the proposed changes in Article 7. The analyses are being conducted by the Center for Evaluation and Education Policy (CEEP) at Indiana University.
18. April 9, 2008: Earliest date that a public hearing can be held (after 3:00 p.m.).
After the public hearings, the State Board of Education must review all comments. A written statement must be prepared stating that the State Board of Education reviewed all of the comments.
19. April 2008: Public Hearings

April 15, 2008 – Evansville at 5:30 PM
Southern Indiana Career and Technical Center
Assembly Hall
1901 Lynch Road
Evansville, IN 47711

April 16, 2008 – New Albany at 5:30 PM
New Albany Educational Support Center
2801 Grant Line Road
New Albany, IN 47150

April 22, 2008 – Merrillville at 5:30 PM
Merrillville High School Arena
276 East 68th Street
Merrillville, IN 46410

April 23, 2008 – South Bend at 5:30 PM
South Bend Administration Building
215 South Saint Joseph
South Bend, IN 46601

April 24, 2008 – Fort Wayne at 5:30 PM
Homestead High School Transportation Building
4814 Homestead Road
Fort Wayne, IN 46814

May 7, 2008 – Indianapolis at 9:00 AM
H. Dean Evans Community and Education Center
MSD of Washington Township
8550 Woodfield Crossing Boulevard
Indianapolis, IN 46240

20. May 7, 2008: The final results of the fiscal impact and cost benefit analyses will be presented to the State Board of Education.
21. After May 7, 2008: The State Board of Education will be provided with the comments received regarding proposed Article 7.
22. June 4, 2008: The State Board of Education will vote to approve the proposed rules.
23. June 5, 2008: If the State Board of Education approves the rules, the rules will be submitted to the Attorney General's Office. This office has 45 days to review the rule.
24. July 21, 2008: If the Attorney General's Office approves the rules, the rules go to the Governor's Office. The Governor has 15 days to review the rule and can have a 15 day extension.
25. August 21, 2008: If the Governor approves the rules, the rules can be filed with the Legislative Services Agency.
26. September 21, 2008: Rules will go into effect (30 days after filing with the Legislative Services Agency).

NOTE: Items 23 and 24 Reflect the maximum number of days the Attorney General and the Governor may utilize to review the rules. The timeline could be shortened if these offices approve the rules in less time than the maximum allowable days.

For example, if the Attorney General and the Governor each took one week to approve the rules, the rules would go into effect on JULY 19, 2008.

Please note that the timeline is only a projected timeline. That timeline could certainly change.