"Aging Out" of Special Education

Source: California Education Code 56026

Month Student turns 22 years old	Status/End date of Service
January – June	Eligible through the end of current school year (including Extended School Year).
July, August, or September	Eligibility ends with "previous school year" (including Extended School Year). Does not begin next school year.
October, November, or December	Eligibility ends December 31 of the current school year.

Examples

1. Student turns 22 years old January 1, 2014.
   Student's program ends at the end of Extended School Year, 2014.

2. Student turns 22 years old September 30, 2014.
   Student's program ends at the end of Extended School Year, 2014.
   Student does not begin 2014-15 school year despite being 21 years old.

3. Student turns 22 years old December 26, 2014.
   Student's program ends December 31, 2014.

Note:

It is important to write IEP's that reflect the dates above, especially the date on which services will end.

Cal. Educ. Code § 56026(c)(4)(D)

No local educational agency may develop an individualized education program that extends these eligibility dates, and in no event may a pupil be required or allowed to attend school under the provisions of this part beyond these eligibility dates solely on the basis that the individual has not met his or her goals or objectives.